



Famine Relief In Zambia

Primitive boats in this man-made canal near the Zambezi River in Zambia are used to carry corn to remote areas. Southern Baptist missionary Lonnie Turner used \$1,250 from the hunger and disaster relief fund of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board after flooding of the Zambezi made corn so scarce that a bag could be used to buy a cow. (FMB photo)

Feb. 12-14

Meridian Hosts Conference On Evangelism, Bible Study

The Mississippi Baptist Evangelism/Bible Conference, takes place next week at First Baptist Church, Meridian, featuring an emphasis on the Good News Mississippi campaign, lectures on basic Bible doctrines, and Christian music from Mississippians and guests from outside the state.

Meeting Feb. 12-14 in Meridian, the statewide conference will include a basis analysis of Good News Mississippi, jointly sponsored by a group of black and white Baptists in Mississippi with Ken Carter of the Home Mission Board speaking on simultaneous revival preparation.

Major addresses to the entire conference will be by John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Russ Bush, assistant professor of the Philosophy of Religion, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.; C. B. Hogue, director, Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; and E. V. Hill, pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Clyde Francisco, professor of Old Testament, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will lead in Bible studies with the assembled conference group.

Separate conference sessions at various

points in the program will include the lectures on the Bible doctrines. Topics include "Perseverance of the Saints," led by Donald Ackland of Nashville; "The Trinity," by Russ Bush of Ft. Worth; "Doctrine of Sin," by George Harrison of New Orleans; "The Atonement," by Fisher Humphreys, of New Orleans; "Sanctification and Regeneration," by Earl Davis of Memphis; "Baptism," by Clyde Francisco of Louisville, Ky.; and "Election," by James Riley of Houston, Tex.

Guest Musicians

Two Texans will be guest musicians for the conference: Martha Branham of Dallas and Jeff Ben Ward of Houston. Charles Endsley of Mississippi will accompany Martha Branham.

Dan Hall, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church music Department and Tom Larimore, Jackson-based music evangelist will be among the song leaders.

Instrumentalists will be Senita Webb and Dot Pray.

The host church's adult choir will present music as will other Meridian musical groups. The Handbell Choir of

Meridian's Calvary Baptist Church and the Jack Cochran Family from Poplar Springs Drive in Meridian will be on hand.

Other Mississippians bringing special music will be R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City; Suzanne Noble, and Calvin Permenter, both of Clarke College. Also on the list will be Janet Simpson, Carl Bridgeman, Ann Colbert and Nell Adams, J. B. Betts, Hubert

The Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department will be host to a recognition dinner, Tuesday, February 13 at the Holiday Inn N. E., Meridian 12:30 — of Sunday Schools / Churches with the percentage enrollment increase plaques to be presented to the top 20 churches in our state.

Greer, and Kathy Barfield.

Music evangelists giving mini-concerts include Bill and Marian Lee, Diane and Tommy Winders, and Myra Loy Hedgepeth and Cecil Harper.

Conference pianists will be Senita Webb, Calvin Issac, and Irene Martin. Organist will be Dot Pray and Trumpeteer will be Mike Burt.

Roy Collum, of the Evangelism Department and Bryant Cummings of the Sunday School Department will preside over the conference. The two department heads in the MBCB designed the program.

Bev Tinnin is pastor of First Baptist, Meridian, the host church.

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Experts To Advise On Children And Conversion

In 1977, nearly 2,000 preschool children were baptized into Southern Baptist churches. In other years, the figure has been higher.

When does a child become responsible for his relationship to God? How can a pastor or parent know when a child is ready for baptism?

These are the types of subjects to be dealt with during a series of conferences on Children and Conversion, set in March in four Mississippi cities.

Purpose of the conferences, according to organizers, is to help parents, workers and pastors seek better approaches in giving guidance to children who come asking questions about becoming a Christian and becoming church members.

Meeting places and dates are March 12 — First Baptist Church, Oxford, 7-9 p.m.; March 13 — First Baptist Church, Starkville, 7-9 p.m.; March 14

— Baptist Building, Jackson, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; March 15 — First Baptist Church, Laurel, 7-9 p.m.

Featured speaker will be Eugene Chamberlain, author of the book, "When Can A Child Believe?" Others on the program include Ethel McAdoo,



Chamberlain



Blackwell



Rives



McAdoo

Elsie Rives, and Muriel Blackwell, all of Nashville.

The conference is designed for a hour of dialogue with the panel of lead-

ers who specialize in Christian Education for the child.

It is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board through the offices of Evangelism, Woman's Missionary Union, Church Training, and Sunday School.

Baptist Film Picked For China Showing

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The doors to China have inched open and a Southern Baptist film was one of the first Western influences to cross the threshold.

"Symphony," a production of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, along with television network films, is to be shown on Chinese national television concurrent to Teng's visit to the United States, according to Jeffrey Gralnick, vice president, special projects, ABC News.

The Baptist film, which premiered August, 1978, on ABC's "Directions" series, is part of a request by the Chinese government to the networks for films that would better orient their people with the U.S.

"Symphony" was chosen because it is a good indication of the American culture which is what the Chinese are looking for," said Gralnick. "It was selected from a three-year's accumulation of network specials."

The film features the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and the contribution music makes to the enrichment of man's spiritual life.

John Stevens, vice president of television operations, wrote, produced and directed the film. In October 1978, "Symphony" was voted the second most outstanding film in the Long Island Film Festival's documentary - art category.

North Carolina Convention Cuts Off Wake Forest Funds

By Charles Richardson

WINSTON SALEM, N. C. (BP) — The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina voted Jan. 31 to cut off funds temporarily to Wake Forest University.

The 110-member board voted overwhelmingly to place the \$936,937 Cooperative Program allocation for the university into an escrow account.

In December, Wake Forest University trustees voted to remove the university from control of the state convention. Convention president Mark Corts suggested at that time that Baptists funds to the school "could and should" be held in escrow "until the matter is finally resolved."

The state convention's Council on Christian Higher Education, whose subcommittee recommended the escrow account, endorsed the move. The executive committee of the general board, meeting a day earlier, voted unanimously for the proposal.

The general board also approved a recommendation that legal counsel be obtained "concerning all of the questions currently under discussion relative to the relationship of Wake Forest University and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina."

The board further authorized the special subcommittee of the Council on Christian Higher Education to engage legal counsel and report to the board's May meeting at Winston-Salem.

Wake Forest University President James Ralph Scales told the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist newspaper, the school will have no cash flow problem until at least the end of May. He said most tuition money has been received and invested and will carry them through the school semester.

"I don't think the convention is going to come apart or the relationship with Wake Forest will be permanently impaired if we don't have a solution by the next meeting (in May)," Scales said.

He said he was not surprised by the

vote since the Council on Christian Higher Education had voted earlier to recommend the escrow idea.

The nearly \$1 million allocation going into escrow is four percent of Wake Forest's Renolda campus budget. Matching funds from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation are contingent on the Baptist affiliation. The next installment on that money is due in July.

Frank Campbell, Statesville pastor and chairman of both the Council on Christian Higher Education and its subcommittee study group, said the

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January CP Income Is Just Below \$1 Million

Mississippi Baptists began 1979 with the largest amount in Cooperative Program gifts of all time. The new record in monthly missions giving by Mississippi Baptist churches was \$991,875 — just \$8,125 short of \$1 million.

The January total was \$325,145 more than for the same month of last year, which had gifts reported totalling \$666,730. This year's increase amounted to 48.8 per cent.

The annual budget for 1979 is \$10 million, which means that a monthly average of \$833,333 is needed. The January total was \$158,542 above that figure.

The total income for 1978 was \$8,819,717. The new budget calls for an increase of \$1,180,283, or 13.4 per cent, over last year's gifts.

"The receipts for January were

highly encouraging," said Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "We all realize that 1978 ended on a Sunday, which meant that many churches did not get their December gifts into the office until in January," Kelly noted. "But this has happened before without such dramatic results," he noted.

"Our 1979 budget of \$10 million will not be an easy one to reach," he said. "But Mississippi Baptists are keenly conscious of the needs of missions efforts around the world. The January gifts are an added indication that Baptists of this state will continue to use their tithes and offerings to help spread the good news of salvation wherever the possibility exists. In this time of Bold Mission Thrust we can do no less."

Television Depicts Sex Mostly Outside Marriage

TUPELO, Miss. (RNS) — A report on programming on the three major commercial television networks for the Fall of 1978 prepared by the National Federation for Decency (NFD) indicates that 88 per cent of all sex shown was depicted outside marriage.

The report also shows that in beverage consumption, alcohol was used more than ten times higher than the next favored beverage — coffee.

According to the research findings, ABC was the top programmer of sex, while CBS was the top network for profanity.

The results of the monitoring study were based on 762.5 hours of prime-time network programming viewed between Sept. 10 and Dec. 2. According to the Federation, those participating represented a wide range of age and education backgrounds.

ABC aired 4.76 sex incidents per hour, according to the report, not including "jiggly" scenes, which were defined as scenes having "unnecessary and undue emphasis on the female anatomy." CBS rated 3.66 and NBC 2.01. With "jiggly" scenes added, the figures were 7.65 per hour for ABC, 6.30 for CBS, and 3.93 for NBC.

CBS Movies was the highest rated network program in the amount of sexual orientation, followed by ABC

Movies and NBC Movies. Other programs with high sex ratings included Soap, Love Boat, Three's Company, (Continued on page 2)

Journeyman To Leave "Erratic" Situation

TEHERAN, Iran (BP) — In the face of an "erratic and uncontrolled situation" in Tehran, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman Michael Joe Sowder has decided to leave Iran.

Southern Baptist missionary Henry E. Turlington told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Jan. 31 that although the situation was precarious he felt that if any board personnel were hurt it would be simply "happenstance." The Turlingtons plan to stay, at least for the next week, in Tehran.

Plans for Sowder's evacuation were indefinite at the time of the phone conversation with Turlington, but he hopes to fly out of Iran as soon as arrangements were made. Tentative plans are for Sowder to transfer to Aberdeen, Scotland, to work in a youth ministry. While Turlington admitted there had

been growing anti-American sentiment in the past week, he had not yet decided to leave. "I don't want to minimize the situation," Turlington said. "We do feel less safe than a week ago."

"We are closer to leaving now than we have been," he said. "If things calm down we'll stay. If we leave it will probably be for just a couple of weeks."

Turlington reported that he had been out every day and that there was shooting "from time to time" in his section of Tehran.

The congregation of Turlington's English-language church has dwindled in the past weeks from over 350 to about 40. But he feels no matter how much the situation deteriorates, a few church members will remain in the city.

Different — For A Purpose

By Laura Morrison

Girls converge on the baseball field to try out for the softball team. The coach shouts for order above the roar of banter and laughter. Suddenly, the chattering stops. All eyes focus, not on the coach, but on the latecomer standing apart from the crowd. A snicker

disrupts the quiet. Someone murmurs, "Look, a Midget." What could a dwarf be doing on the ball field with a baseball glove in her hand? Doesn't she know she's different?

Pam Bell's feet scarcely dangled below the seat of her chair as she faced



Pam Bell kicks a soccer ball in a recreation class at New Orleans Seminary. She graduated from the seminary in 1977 and is minister of education and youth at First Church, Houston, Miss. (NOBTS Photo)

me for an interview. After responding intently to my questions for awhile, she remarked: "We've been talking about many things, but everything circles around the fact that I'm different. Dwarfism can be explained scientifically, but there is no way to get around explaining it divinely, too. God has purpose after purpose after purpose for my being a dwarf."

To achieve victory in being different, Pam has first had to own the hurt of being different. "I've always been able to accept myself as a dwarf. Yet I realize God can bless me even more if I admit I've had my conflicts." Pam openly revealed embarrassment over being ridiculed. As she shared incidents, her eyes expressed deep emotion. Although her self-confidence suffers miserably at times, she testifies that far more benefits than hardships come with being a dwarf. "People are naturally attracted to me. Even children who snicker and laugh are potentially my friends."

A natural curiosity-arouser, Pam thrives on working with youth. Without discounting herself, she remarked, "I tell them 'If God can bring me happiness, just think what he can do with your life.'" She rejoices knowing that God is glorified through her handicap.

Of other dwarfs, Pam estimates that only 10 to 15 per cent share the victory in Christ she has found. "But they are accomplished in areas where I'm not. Some have a 'fight' attitude, or aggressiveness, which I lack. I hunger for the 'fight' sometimes — but it's not my way." Pam hopes dwarfs who aren't yet Christians at least possess the "fight." Sadly she remarked that too many dwarfs hide in the security of home, failing to fulfill their God-given potential.

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Israeli Law Said Not Meant To Limit Religious Freedom

By Elizabeth F. Smith
and Ruth Fowler

TEL AVIV, Israel (BP) — A new official interpretation of Israel's controversial anti-bribery law says the law was never intended to limit religious freedom.

The interpretation, given by Minister of Justice Shmuel Tamir, received official status by being made a part of the official gazette of the Knesset (parliament), the "Knesset Protocol."

Tamir's interpretation came after a visit to Israel by Jimmy Allen, Southern Baptist Convention president, to discuss the law and express Baptist concern for religious liberty. The interpretation by Tamir previously had been only stated verbally and in correspondence.

Prohibition

The law, passed by the Knesset in December 1977, prohibits offering material or other benefits to someone to induce him to change religions. The interpretation states "there is no intention whatsoever on the part of the Israeli government to restrict in any way the religious freedom of the Christian community or any other community in Israel or to impede them from the pursuit of normal educational or philanthropic activities."

Allen and Baptist leaders in Israel are pleased with this official interpretation. J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, said he was "very glad indeed" to have the clarification which he hopes will be accepted as a guarantee of religious freedom.

Allen pointed out that in the Israeli legal system, the proper way to obtain an official opinion that is binding on the attorney general is to question the law in the Knesset record. Tamir's official interpretation was given in answer to a two-part question submitted by Knesset member Yitzhak Berman.

"I'm grateful for the steps of interpretation that have been taken in good faith by the current administration of the government of Israel," Allen said. "I believe the world looks to Israel with high expectations for the respect of the rights of minorities and for the recognition of freedom of religion."

"We are particularly eager for the basic law on personal rights now being debated by the Knesset to reflect a strong emphasis on religious liberty," Allen said.

Other leaders reacted in similar fashion. Finlay M. Graham, the

board's field representative for the Middle East, said he felt the interpretation was a step in the right direction and he accepts it "as a face-saving expression" for the Israeli government.

"I hope the government will be very hesitant in its application of the implied letter of the law," Graham said. "I do accept the sincerity of Minister Tamir in his desire to promote good relations between different religious groups in the country."

Dale G. Thorne, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist representatives in Israel, expressed appreciation to Allen for his conversation with officials. "We are hopeful that the continued contact between Baptists and government leaders will result in a greater understanding of Baptists and general Christian positions in the country," Thorne said.

Robert L. Lindsey, veteran Southern Baptist representative in Israel, affirmed the value of Allen's visit and reaffirmed Baptists' opposition to bribery as a means of persuading someone to change religions.

Baptists Concerned

He emphasized that Baptists have been concerned about the misinterpretation of the law and have never practiced bribery for conversion.

The law has been the subject of many government-Christian exchanges since passed by the Knesset, Dec. 27, 1977. At least one incident of harassment of a group of Jewish-Christian believers has occurred, without official government sanction, according to Southern Baptist missionaries.

Some 200 religious extremists forced entry into a believer's home, tore up Bibles and hymnbooks, brandished their fists and shouted abusive language as they rampaged through the home.

The official clarification came in response to this two-part question raised by Knesset member Berman:

"Question no. 2855: On Dec. 27, 1977, the Knesset passed a law 'amendment to the penal code (enticement to change of religion) 1977', which forbade the giving and receiving of material advantages as an inducement to change one's religion. According to reports in the daily newspapers, certain groups abroad are attributing purposes which are not stated in the law and were not intended by the law-makers. I request answers to the following: 1. Does the government have a response to the said interpretations? If so, what is the character of this response?"

Second: "... instructions have been given by the Attorney General that no action or even inquiry be instituted by virtue of this law without the prior direct authorizations of the Attorney General in person or the state attorney in person."

Minister Tamir said that he had made known this position to Allen in a meeting Jan. 1, 1979.

To the second part of the question Minister Tamir answered that since the law's passage there has not been a single case of prosecution under the law's provisions.

(Elizabeth F. Smith is a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board representative to Israel, where she serves as press representative. Ruth Fowler is a FMB Newswriter.)

Tops In SS Net Gains

Mississippi

Top 20 churches in percentage net increase in Sunday School enrollment 1977-78

Association	Church	Percentage
1. Riverside	Dundee	225
2. Neshoba	Bond	209
3. Chickasaw	Fellowship	171
4. Rankin	Eastside Pelahatchie	163
5. Copiah	Dargascus	152
6. New Choctaw	Old Canaan	125
7. Leake	Standing Pine	122.2
8. Choctaw	New Haven	122
9. Jackson	Parkway	115
10. Lebanon	Bouie Street	104
11. Smith	Rocky Hill	103
12. Lafayette	New Hope	100
13. Calhoun	Sherman	93
14. Lee	Temple Grove	91
15. Sharkey-Issaquena	Deer Creek	89
16. Jones	Salem Heights	80
17. Gulf Coast	First, Mississippi City	77
18. Pontotoc	Friendship	76
19. Union County	Liberty	75
20. Clarke	Bucatanua	74

Grades 1-3

Mothers And Daughters Invited To Garaywa

The Mother/Daughter Weekend Camp Garaywa March 30-31 will bring together Girls in Action, Grades 1 through 3, the girls' mothers, and a group of missionary speakers. The camp will begin Friday at 4 p.m. and will close at noon on Saturday.

Mrs. Richard Alford of Clinton will teach about work with the deaf; Mrs. Bob Magee will tell how it is to be a mother-missionary in Colombia, South America; and Miss Danny Stampely will tell of her experiences as a missionary in Ghana.

Baptist Principal A Sniper Victim

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (BP) — A Southern Baptist elementary school principal was one of two persons killed by a 16-year-old sniper, who opened fire on the school across from her home Jan. 29 as children walked to classes.

Burton Wragg, 53, was shot while he attempted to help children who moments earlier had been shot by the teenage girl. Wragg died at a local hospital while undergoing surgery for severe stomach wounds.

Wragg, who was transferred to the Cleveland Elementary School just five months before, was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Del Cerro in La Mesa.

TV Depicts

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Dallas, The Big Event, Charlie's Angels, and Vegas.

The least sexually oriented programs, according to the report, were Grandpa Goes to Washington, the World Series, the American League Playoffs, lifeline, Project UFO, Different Strokes, Little House on the Prairie, The Waltons, Monday Night Football, and Donny and Marie.

Different—For A Purpose

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Encountering Pam Bell has taught me that a feisty dwarf who is unquestionably unique can come across more "typical" than many of us of normal size. Throughout the interview I found myself identifying with the feelings Pam expressed — human to human. Though never a dwarf, I too have suffered embarrassment and ridicule for other reasons. Pam has a gift for communicating her feelings in such a way that her listener becomes immediately involved.

A tomboy from Bogalusa, Louisiana, Pam cherished as her favorite toy her brother's gun and holster set. For her, guns symbolize adventure. Once, enthralled over a cowboy

show, she shot the TV out with a BB gun.

Pam's highest ambition is to develop her full potential. An adventurous twinkle in her brown eyes, she also expressed a longing to be "out on my own in an apartment — fully responsible." Determined and enthusiastic about life, Pam already has traveled far toward achieving her goals. Although pleased with her personal growth and success at this point, she feels that "the most beautiful part is yet to come."

(NOTE: Since this article was written Pam Bell has received an M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary and has become minister of education and youth at First Church, Houston, Miss.)

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Raleigh, N. C. (RNS) — The North Carolina Court of Appeals has stayed indefinitely a lower court order directing 11 church-related day-care centers to obtain state licenses or close their doors. Operators of the centers contend the centers are an extension of the ministries of the sponsoring churches and are exempt from state regulation because of constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Nearly 95 per cent of all Americans have married or will marry at some time in their lives, according to a new Gensu Bureau report of husbands and wives. It revealed that despite the widespread reports of rising divorce rates and a trend toward singlehood, most Americans spend most of their adult years married.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The District of Columbia City Council plans to call a public referendum May 1 on a proposal to legalize off-track horse betting and create a city lottery. The District is the only jurisdiction in the metropolitan area which bans all types of gambling. Earlier proposals to legalize gambling here have been opposed by Protestant clergymen, notably black Baptist leaders.

Los Angeles, Calif. (RNS) — A California Supreme Court decision has struck down the 30-year-old custom of lighting windows of the Los Angeles City Hall tower in the form of a cross at Christmas and Easter. The Supreme Court wrote: "City Hall is not an immense bulletin board whereupon symbols of all faiths could be thumbtacked or otherwise displayed," it added.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — A radical Christian, Mitch Snyder, who vowed to fast to the death if a Roman Catholic parish here did not expand its programs to help the poor, ended his fast after the church's parish council rejected his demand.

Grandville, Mich. (RNS) — The school board here has voted to stop voluntary lunchtime Bible studies which came under attack recently by the American Civil Liberties Union. Officials halted the classes fearing a court battle would erupt if they didn't. The program had been traditional here for the past 23 years. The ACLU argued the classes were illegal as they were conducted on public school property.

New York (RNS) — More than nine out of ten pastors of Lutheran Church in America congregations favor cooperation with congregations of other Lutheran bodies, according to an LCA poll. However, only 77 per cent would favor cooperation with congregations of non-Lutheran denominations.

San Juan, P. R. (RNS) — The Evangelical Council of Puerto Rico has elected Jose D. Camacho, a Baptist minister, as its new president, succeeding Luis Fidel Mercado, president of the Evangelical Seminary here. The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Mennonite, Brethren and United Evangelical Churches and the Salvation Army are among the members of the Evangelical Council.

Atlanta (RNS) — Members of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. have been challenged to raise \$1,000,000 for mission work during February.

Lincoln County Baptists Plan Evangelism Rally

Lincoln County Baptist Association has scheduled an Evangelism Rally for February 8, 1979. This rally will

Mrs. Naylor Hit By Stroke In India

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Golda Dalton Naylor, wife of retired Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president Robert E. Naylor, suffered an apparent stroke Jan. 20 while the Naylor's were visiting their daughter in Bangalore, India.

The Naylor's, accompanied by their daughter Rebekah, a medical missionary with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, returned to Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 1. Mrs. Naylor was to begin tests Feb. 2 as an outpatient at a Fort Worth hospital.

According to the Naylor's son Richard, Mrs. Naylor was extremely weak. She had suffered some temporary paralysis during the first days following the stroke, but appears recovered from that.

Naylor retired from Southwestern July 31, 1978.

take place at the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven, Mississippi.

The evening's program will begin with several mini-conferences by members of the Association Steering Committee for

"Good News Mississippi".

The min-conferences are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. A period of music led by Hubert Greer, music evangelist, will begin at 7:20 p.m. The rally will get under way at 7:30 p.m.

Landrum Leavell, President of the New Orleans Seminary, will be the speaker for the rally.

Lincoln Baptists have set a goal of 1400 persons to attend this rally. Each church has been challenged to bring a third of their regular Sunday School attendance to the rally. And choir members from churches within the association will compose their choir for the rally that evening.

This rally is a part of the preparation for the Association-wide "Good News, Revivals" April 15-29, 1979. Twenty-four churches in the association are committed to "Good News Mississippi" revivals.

H. D. Swindall is Chairman of Evangelism; Cecil Hubbard is Moderator.

Successful folks don't just entertain thoughts; they put them to work. — Joan I. Welsh

Everything comes ready-mixed these days, including trouble. — Joan I. Welsh

Good News Mississippi

Mixon And Braswell Speak At Soul Winning Seminar

Lamar County Baptist Association held a soul winning seminar on Jan. 22 at Bellevue Church. Speakers were Jerry Mixon, pastor of Goss Church, Marion Association, and former full-time evangelist, and Rex Braswell, Hattiesburg layman.

The seminar was in preparation for

Good News Mississippi revivals planned for April, a bold missions emphasis of the Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The association is planning an evangelism rally for March. Richard Miley is evangelism chairman for Lamar Association.



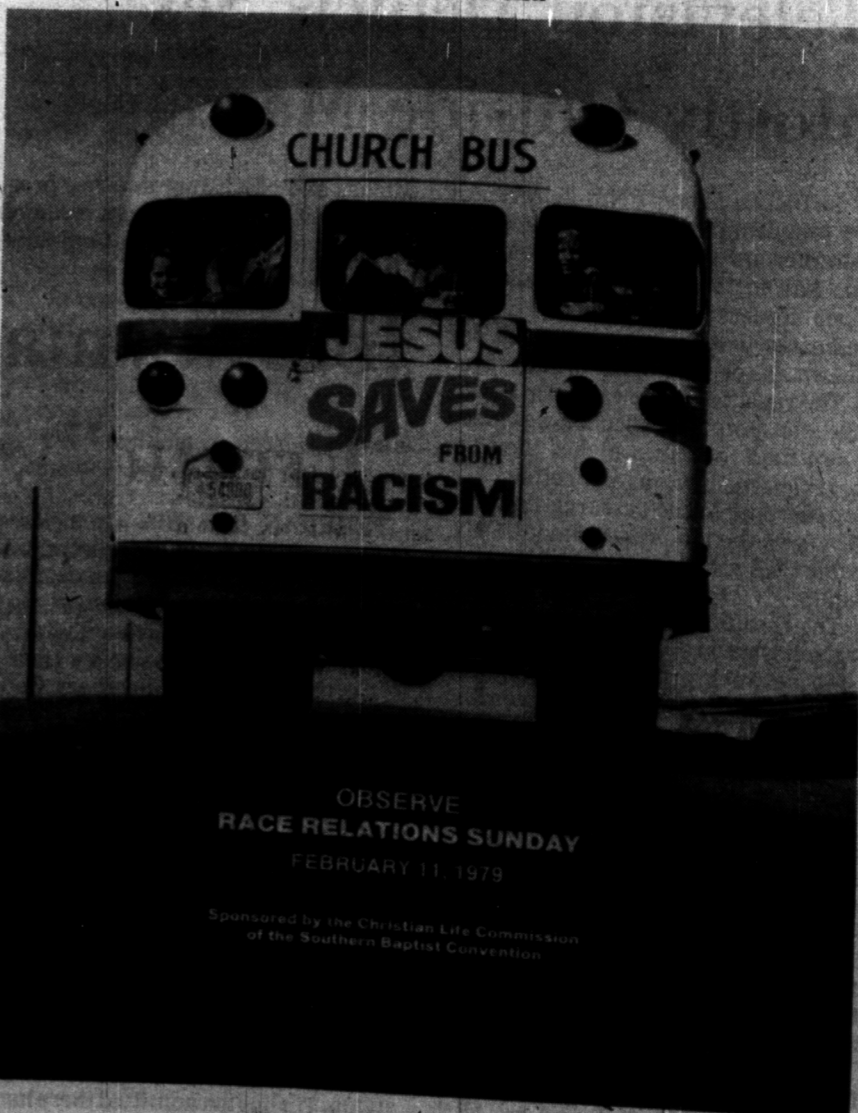
Disaster Task Force

The Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Task Force met recently in Jackson to review and evaluate its participation in three recent disasters. Priorities for future training, personnel and equipment were developed. Rusty Griffin of the Brotherhood Department is disaster relief coordinator.



Special Worker Training

Bryant Cummings, Center, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department explains about materials available to churches for worker training. The department was holding a training session at the Baptist Building for special workers who may represent the Sunday School Department in its work throughout the state. Judd Allen on the department staff is pictured handing out materials.



IRS Declares Church Bingo, Publications, Schools Tax Exempt

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Bingo games regularly run by paid employees of churches are now exempt from taxation, according to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The agency announced that under a change in the federal tax law made last October, income from bingo games regularly run by paid employees is tax-exempt if the games are operated in accordance with state and local laws and are not in competition with profit-making bingo operations.

In making the announcement, the IRS noted that churches must pay taxes on income from activities which are unrelated to the religious purposes of the churches if they are carried on regularly.

Although bingo games are not related to religious purposes, the income derived from them is exempt because the games are not carried on regularly.

By the same principle, the IRS said, income from a sandwich stand operated by a church for one week at a county fair would be tax-exempt. And income from such things as the sale of religious publications or operation of a church school would be exempt because it would be considered related to the exempt purposes of the churches.

Money obtained from commuters paying church parking lot fees would be considered unrelated and taxable, as would income from a grocery or other business owned and operated by a church.

In some cases, a particular operation may fall into both categories, depending on the sources of its income.

As an example, the IRS cited the operation of a snack bar in a church school that is primarily used by students and staff but also regularly patronized by the public. The income received from the students and staff is not taxable since the snack bar is for

their convenience, but the portion of the income received from the public is taxable.

Churches receiving gross income of \$1,000 or more from unrelated businesses must report the income to the IRS using Form 990-T, "Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return," available at IRS offices.

Nashville — "How to Use Your Church Media Center" is a new booklet designed to help church members understand the contents of a media center and the use of its materials. "How to Use Your Church Media Center" is available at 80 cents for each copy on the Undated Materials Order Form, item number 9704-0.

Clarke Plans Week Of World Awareness

Clarke College will observe World Awareness Week Feb. 19-22. Coming to share the needs of her part of the world will be Mrs. Gloria Thurman who serves with her husband, Thomas, as a missionary to Bangladesh.

Director of Religious Activities J. B. Costilow and members of the BSU Council will lead in the preparation for the week. Mrs. Thurman will be on the campus each morning, Tuesday-Thursday, and will speak to the assembly. She will remain afterward for private conferences and eat lunch with the students each day.



Thurman

Bond Misunderstanding Threatens Elderly Unit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — An 18-month operating cushion for Belmont Plaza has been discovered unusable and has put the Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation in jeopardy.

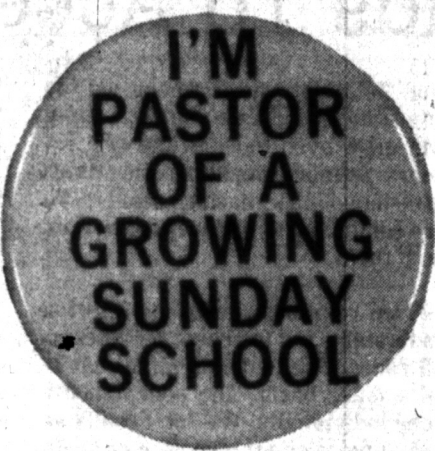
The corporation financed construction of the 123-unit high rise for senior adults through a \$5 million bond sale with the understanding that income from the sale would provide operating capital for up to 18 months.

"We discovered five weeks ago that none of these funds can be used for operating costs," Wade executive director of the corporation told the Tennessee Baptist Convention's executive board. Because of the way the feasibility study and bond indenture were written, "we were in serious financial condition from the first and didn't know it," he added.

Darby reported that financial plans are being rewritten and "several

avenues pursued" in an effort to save the project, which is nearing completion.

Darby told the executive board that the worst thing that could happen would be for the facility to default and be sold with the proceeds going to the bond holders. He emphasized the Tennessee Baptist Convention is not legally liable for the debt, since Belmont Plaza is a separate entity. "This is clearly stated in the indenture," he said.



The Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department will be recognizing over 800 churches during the Evangelism/Bible Conference in Meridian who have had an increase in Sunday School enrollment in the 1977-78 Sunday School year. A button will be presented to those pastors reading, "I'm Pastor of a Growing Sunday School" to be worn on his lapel in recognition of this achievement.

Catholic Priest Gives Bibles

HARTFORD, Conn. (RNS) — Father Edward Nadolny, communications and evangelism specialist here, has given away 150,000 New Testaments in the first phase of a three-year evangelization project in the Hartford Catholic archdiocese.

"The first step in evangelization was to bring the Good News of Christ to as many people as possible by offering free Bibles to anyone who didn't have a personal copy and wanted one," Father Nadolny said.

"In October, we started our second phase, the 'I don't go to church' campaign, which is designed to reach out to unchurched people, find out why they don't go to church, and try to draw them back."

The 150,000 Bibles were distributed at a cost of about 80 cents a copy, Father Nadolny said, noting that he still has a balance of about \$30,000 to pay. The Scriptures were provided by the American Bible Society at considerably less than cost. Father Nadolny's 14-hour television "Bible Began" raised much of the funds needed.

"Our second phase is designed to find out why 2 out of 3 people don't go to church or synagogue any more," Father Nadolny said. "We're using radio, television, billboards, and flyers to ask people why they don't go. And more important, we want to know who they are."

Tallahatchie Announces Win School

Tallahatchie Association is planning a WIN School for all churches in the association, Feb. 19-22, at 7 p.m. The meeting place will be at Cowart Church, Laddie Pierce, pastor, on Feb. 19-21. However, the last night, the 22nd, the place of meeting will be at the individual churches.

The speakers will be Finley Evans, foster missionary, Tallahatchie County, and William Waddle of Emmanuel Church, both residents of Grenada.

Win Packet materials will be provided by the association. The host church will provide a nursery.

Cowart Church is west of Charleston on highway 32.

Larry Badon is associational evangelism chairman.

Young Ministers' Wives



Gloria Thurman told the ministers' wives about her early days of adjustment as a housewife on the mission field in Bangladesh. She said she learned early that the wife must take second place to God.

At first she felt self-pity when her husband had to be away in the villages so much, even though she knew this was the reason why he was in Bangladesh — to witness to the people in the villages. But she learned to cope without feeling abused, even if she cut her hand very badly, or broke her foot.

Always, she said, when something happened to her, someone came to her door who needed help much more badly than she did herself; that helped her to keep things in the proper perspective. As a result, a woman of Bangladesh defined missionaries as "people who are willing to help when no one else will."

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The Missions Task

Loss Of Momentum

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Department

As a lad walking through the railroad yard one day I was attracted to two huge steam engines. Both were carefully designed and built. As I approached the first engine it was throbbing and popping with power.

When I reached the second engine there was not a sign of life. The difference in the two was in the boiler. In the second engine the fire had gone out and the throbbing and popping had died away. It sat lifeless on the tracks.

Very soon an engineer climbed into the first engine and it began lining up railroad cars to form a train. I climbed up into the cab of the second engine and pulled all the levers but nothing happened. The difference was the fire!

In our hearts and in our churches the fire of God can burn low and unless fuel is added, the fire dies out. You may call it concern, zeal, compassion, commitment, but without it we aren't worth very much in the service of the King. Like the great steam engines, we as Christians, individually and collectively have no power within ourselves. It must come from God. Paul admonished young Timothy to not neglect the gift in him.

Once that throbbing engine linked the cars into a train, the engineer headed it out of town. It went up hill and down hill, across meadows and plains. It moaned and groaned before it ever got rolling but once it was moving the momentum carried it on through all obstacles along the path to victory.

One danger every engineer faces is the loss of momentum. If this happens, he can't instantly move along at his former pace. He and his engine must again go through the moaning and groaning necessary to regain momentum.

Churches can lose momentum in any or all of their programs. When this happens they may sit on the siding berating their loss or begin again to rebuild a head of steam to regain momentum.

Nothing pleases Satan and distresses God more than for us as individuals and churches to lose our momentum. Church work, Bible study, worship, witness, giving all become a burden rather than a blessing. Satan works feverishly to distract us so we will neglect to throw coal on the fire. God's Spirit constantly admonishes us to take care and keep the fire burning. In this situation we are forced to choose sides. All we have to do to side with Satan is do nothing. Siding with God takes a little more effort.

In a state convention's department of work, in a national convention, any or all may lose their momentum. Each needs the other and it behooves each to help the other. Not one of us, however, is justified in accepting the loss, in agreeing to the status quo.

It is not God's fault if we are failing! Let us make sure it isn't our fault as well! "All power is given unto me," said our living Lord. "Go... and lo I am with you until the ages of the ages."

Let us each exchange our alibis for achieving programs and stay at the task until again we move with momentum. Some of our newfangled plans simply are not working. Maybe it is time for us to hear again Jeremiah's advice to the leaders of his day (6:16) "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way: and walk therein..."

Rarely does anything so adversely affect world missions as the loss of momentum.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Mon., Feb. 12 Mississippi Evangelism/Bible Conference, First Baptist Church, Meridian, 6:45-9:10 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 13 Mississippi Evangelism/Bible Conference, 9:00 a.m.-9:10 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 14 Mississippi Evangelism/Bible Conference, 8:45-12:00 Noon
- Thurs., Feb. 15 WMU Enlistment/Enlargement Workshop, 10 a.m.-Noon/7-9 p.m.
- FBC, Long Beach; FBC, Poplarville; Collins Baptist, Collins
- Fri., Feb. 16 Mississippi Baptist Church Music, Conference, William Carey College, 1:30 p.m.-Noon, 17th.

Vocational Evangelists Plan To Meet In Meridian

Mississippi's vocational evangelists will participate in the state Evangelism/Bible Conference Feb. 12-14 at First Church, Meridian.

Monday night, Feb. 12, they will sponsor a get-acquainted fellowship after the session. Tuesday morning, Feb. 13, they will hold a breakfast meeting at Weidman's at 7:30 a.m.

The Fellowship of Mississippi Baptist Evangelists is made up of 35 full-time vocational music and preaching evangelists who live in Mississippi and work in churches throughout the nation.

These evangelists are not employed

by any convention agency or by any one particular church but are available to serve wherever they are needed and invited.

James Fancher of Jackson, president of the Fellowship, states, "It is the hope of the present officers that a closer union can be established among the evangelists and a better understanding of their ministry made possible among the pastors and churches."

He added, "Some are highly talented young people who are just beginning. Many have years of practical experience in positions in church leadership. All have a great sense of calling to their particular task."

Earline Embrey At Coldwater Gets 25-Year Attendance Pin

Honored for 25 years of perfect Sunday School attendance at a recent service at First Church, Coldwater, Miss Earline Embrey received another insignia to add to the already long line of those she had received over the years. The award was made by Howard Morrison, Sunday School director of the church.

Miss Embrey recalled that it was not always easy to maintain the good record. On vacation trips circumstances sometimes almost prevented her attending Sunday School.

A few years ago while she was visiting relatives in Denver, Colo., an unexpected snowstorm bringing 16 inches of snow possibly brought the greatest threat to her determination. Despite the fact that she and her brother-in-law laboriously shoveled snow from the driveway before getting their automobile into the street, she made it to Sunday School on time; however, they were not as prompt in returning home because mid-way they landed in a ditch.

Another experience requiring much

maneuvering occurred three years ago when Miss Embrey, a veteran of World War II, attended an 8th Air Force Convention at Valley Forge, PA. With the combined efforts of her veteran friends she was transported by one group to a Baptist church, then later picked up by another who rushed her to a bus terminal, enabling her to arrive in Philadelphia only moments before her plane departed for Memphis.

As she recalled experiences that took place in at least six or eight states Miss Embrey stated, "Without the combined efforts of numerous friends and relatives I would never have been able to achieve the record."

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Young Women Banquet Precedes WMU Convention

One hundred Mississippi BYWs will have the opportunity to see, to hear and visit with many of the program guests featured at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Convention, during the BYW Banquet, Monday, March 19.

The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center behind First Church, Greenville. Following the banquet, the BYWs will be able to attend the first session of the WMU Convention. Reserved seats will be available for them.

Mrs. Christine Gregory, WMU president, SBC, and Mrs. Gloria Thurman, missionary to Bangladesh, will be the banquet speakers.

The theme will be "The Art of Baptist Young Women." Mrs. Mary Sue Rogers, First, Greenville, along with members of the church's BYW organi-

zation, will assist in decorations and act as hostesses.

The cost for the banquet is \$3.00 per person; reservations need to be made before Friday, March 16, by writing to: Marilyn Hopkins, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

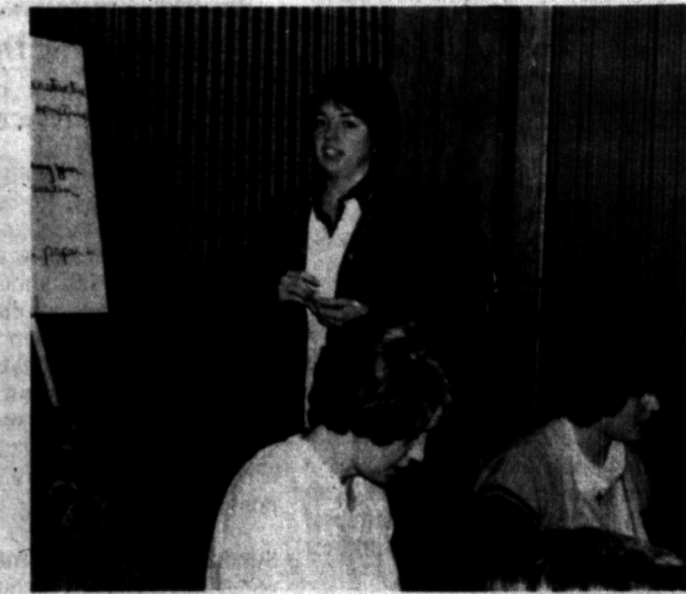
A special campus BYW cost of \$2.00 will allow the many CBYWs in the area to attend this annual event.

Every BYW and every CBYW is invited to attend the banquet and the opening session of the WMU Convention.

Truth as old as the hills is bound up in the Latin proverb, "Necessity is the mother of invention." It is surprising what a man can do when he has to, and how little most men will do when they don't have to. — Walter Linn.



One hundred and six women under 40 got to know each other the night of Jan. 26 and most of the day Jan. 27 at Camp Garaywa, at the Young Ministers' Wives Retreat. Marjean Patterson, state WMU director, presented Bible study vignettes from the book of John, on three great affirmations of Jesus: I am the light of the world; I am the good shepherd; I am the resurrection and the life.



Jan Cossitt, director of activities, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, directed get-acquainted games. Some others on program were Nancy Davis, Clinton homemaker; Perry C. Perkins, director, Church-Minister, Relations, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Ann Rushing, home economist, "The Market Basket," 4WJTV; and Dolores Magee, missionary to Colombia.



Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, talked about the wise use of time. To identify with his female listeners, he donned an apron.

Some time wasters he listed were lack of preparation, non-defined goals, lack of priorities, poor timing, failure to delegate, poor work habits, procrastination, not knowing how to handle interruptions.

"To overcome time pressure," he said, "you need to multiply your output. Output is related to refinement of technique." He added, "If we are to manage our time we first must know how to manage ourselves."

"Most opportunities for growth lie in the unfamiliar," he pointed out. "Do things in a way you haven't always done them. Get out from under the control of habits."

Vaughn recommended the book EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPING.

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Wake Forest University . . . A Trust That Was Broken

The affairs of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C., are somewhat strange. One might say, of course, that the affairs of a Baptist institution of a sister state convention really should not concern those of us of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. On the other hand, perhaps the situation should concern us. It is difficult to understand what is going on. Not long ago Wake Forest was an institution of the North Carolina convention much as our colleges are institutions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Now Wake Forest has declared its independence as an agency of the convention. It didn't ask the convention for release. The trustees simply declared the school not to be an agency of the Convention any longer.

The trustees insist that they now can elect the members of their body rather than this being done by the convention.

They say at this point, however, that they will not choose their members, that they will work closely with bodies of the convention that the convention may choose to work out details of selecting new trustees. They say in addition that it will no longer be the prerogative of the convention to elect the Wake Forest trustees.

This, of course, is the only way that the university can travel to maintain what it feels it has accomplished. If the trustee election were left to the convention, all those who voted to sever ties of agency relationship would be removed and others named in their places who would return the matter to normalcy.

All of this revolves around the issue of who owns the university, the convention (North Carolina Baptists) or the trustees. If it were to be determined that the school belongs to the

trustees, then that body has been given free of charge a multi-million dollar facility that has been put together over the years by the money and efforts of the other group, the North Carolina Baptists.

The trustees feel that the university legally belongs to them. The chairman, James W. Mason, has even been quoted by Baptist Press as saying, "We are determined to operate as a Christian university, hopefully with the Baptist state convention. But we won't knuckle under to economic blackmail."

The last statement, of course, refers to the fact that North Carolina Baptists (the convention) have exercised control over the institution and might withdraw their Cooperative Program support if they lose control.

It's strange. The trustees of Wake Forest could operate a Christian uni-

versity, and it would be easy enough to do it in cooperation with the state convention. The trustees are the ones, it seems, who want to break off the relationship.

Simply put, the trustees don't own the university. The Baptists of North Carolina do, but they must have a corporation which they can trust to hold the title to the physical facility for them. There is no way for several hundred thousand Baptists to hold title otherwise. Thus they placed their trust in the trustees, and the very word itself implies faithfulness to the trust.

But the trustees seem to have broken that trust. In fact, Mason said that the trustees have "no duty under the law to carry out any expressed directive made to them by the Baptist state convention or its General Board."

That would seem to be a clear indication that the trust has been violated.

Race Relations Sunday . . . Understanding Leads To Acceptance

Race Relations Sunday is Feb. 11, and Mississippi Baptists are combining Bold Mission Thrust endeavors with efforts to arrive at better understanding of other races.

For instance, Good News Mississippi, the simultaneous revival meetings that are planned for April, is a Bold Mission Thrust effort that is encouraging white Baptist churches and black Baptist churches to enter into evangelistic services at the same time in order to carry the good news of salvation to everybody in the state. In the

inter-racial planning for this crusade there have been many opportunities to reach new depths of understanding.

Race relations in Mississippi, however, means more than a black-white relationship. We have a large population of Indians; many of whom are members of churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. There is a sizeable number of Chinese residents in the state, and many of them also are Baptists. Vietnamese have gathered in large groups in our state, and they represent a mis-

sion field right here among us. Circumstances indicate that this group will grow even more in the next few years. Spanish-speaking residents are to be found in increasing numbers. We are continuing to find ways of working with them.

Race relations means an effort to understand and to accept members of all races. The understanding may be on a class basis. The acceptance is done individually. We don't really accept anyone of our own race or another

as a factor in our lives simply because of the race of which he is a part. We accept people of any race because we have some understanding of the race collectively and because we understand the individual particularly.

May Race Relations Sunday on Feb. 11 be a time of being open to new depths of understanding and of showing our own appreciation and respect toward those of other races, and may those of other races afford us the same, whatever our race may be.

Guest Opinion . . . Bold Mission Thrust—What Is It?

by R. Keith Parks, director
Missions Support Division
Foreign Mission Board

First, Bold Mission Thrust is new! Second, and equally true, Bold Mission Thrust is old! Its design is as old as the New Testament—in fact, as ancient as God's plan for the ages. For Southern Baptists, the earliest impetus dates from 1845, when the convention was organized for the purpose of engaging in and supporting missions.

Bold Mission Thrust is old in that the basic objectives are the same ones Southern Baptists have always dealt with—missions, education, evangelism, involving people in sharing the gospel, training leadership, and meeting human need.

At the same time, Bold Mission Thrust is startlingly new. This newness is not in changed direction, basic content, or mission purpose, however. Rather the newness is of degree, not kind; it is found in intensity, velocity, and quantity.

The intent and purpose of Bold Mission Thrust is to take Southern Baptists' commitment to the Lord and to the world and to intensify and multiply these efforts and resources so that the convention will break through barriers into new levels of mission endeavor.

Bold Mission Thrust— Its Components

Bold Mission Thrust is a cooperative endeavor of Southern Baptists which must be based on prayer—regular, bold, and specific. Significant missionary movements have been conspicuously marked by prayer. The spiritual need, abundance of harvest, and scarcity of laborers which made prayer important in Christ's day have all intensified in ours.

Bold Mission Thrust will become more and more a reality as we Southern Baptists:

1. Educate—in missions. Our missions awareness must be biblically based, currently detailed, personally experienced.
2. Call out—career missionaries. By 1982 at least 1,000 home and foreign missionaries must be prayed forth from the churches to incarnate the gospel among people they go to serve.
3. Challenge—volunteers through Mission Service Corps. The Mission Service Corps goal is 5,000 one or two-year volunteers, supported from over-and-above gifts, who will become personally involved as Southern Baptists evangelize and congregationalize to the ends of the earth.
4. Involve—many people through Volunteer Involvement in Missions. At least 100,000 people should participate as needed for short periods in specific missions assignments at home and abroad.
5. Give—money for mission support. We must reach new levels of giving. We must double our Cooperative

Program gifts through the churches and increase the special mission offerings by 10 percent annually.

Bold Mission Thrust— Can It Happen?

Yes! But only as each Southern Baptist and every local church face seriously a personal relationship to each of its five components. Yes! Bold Mission Thrust can happen! It will take dedication to a concerted prayer ministry and the commitment of every facet of Southern Baptist life to the purpose of God for all peoples everywhere. The present lifestyles of the majority of Southern Baptists—paying lip service to God, tossing a few extra coins to fund the foreign mission enterprise—will never be enough. Nor can real missions advance happen at our present rate of annually appointing one career missionary overseas for every 100,000 Southern Baptists at home.

Bold Mission Thrust Is People

Bold Mission Thrust is people. But acceleration of missions involvement cannot be produced by a person or by one or several convention agencies. Bold Mission Thrust cannot be published in a book, or preached at a convention. Bold Mission Thrust becomes reality as it throbs in the hearts, minds, souls of Southern Baptists; as it is translated into fervent intercessory prayer; as it generates sacrificial giving of money and life; and as it involves lay volunteers by the thousands to reinforce the long-term work of increasing numbers of career missionaries.

Bold Mission Thrust and Your Foreign Mission Board

Your Foreign Mission Board's involvement in Bold Mission Thrust is active and aggressive. This involvement relates specifically to the overarching missions objective presented by the Foreign Mission Board and affirmed by the Norfolk convention: that Southern Baptists, along with all other Christians, join in an

all-out effort to see that every person on earth by the end of the Twentieth Century shall have had the opportunity to hear the gospel. From 1979 to 1982, the convention is concerned with effecting a threefold approach to the accomplishment of this objective:

Bold Growing—by providing New Testament based churches and missions for all people;

Bold Going—by seeking out the called and cooperating in the support of persons participating in the activities of Bold Mission Thrust;

Bold Giving—by providing adequate financial resources to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust.

Although all of these are important, the focus here is on Bold Giving. Your Foreign Mission Board wants all Southern Baptists to understand clearly that Bold Giving involves more than "adding on" to what is now being done. Inflation is an even greater problem overseas than it is at home. Southern Baptist missionaries challenge every church to a new level of giving—to the point of sacrifice—with a view to dramatic increases that will match the double-digit inflation in many countries, the devaluation of the American dollar, and other barriers to missions advance. When such bold giving takes place, Southern Baptists can support Bold Mission Thrust. This kind of giving goes far beyond "missions as usual." It involves the altering of personal, congregational, and denominational lifestyles to release massive resources for sharing the gospel.

Bold Growing, Bold Going, Bold Giving

In summary, Bold Mission Thrust encompasses a total missions effort—intensified and accelerated. Bold Mission Thrust seeks to claim the involvement of each Southern Baptist and every church for the gospel witness in the United States, and beyond our borders. These are objectives and goals all to one purpose: that the Christians known as Southern Baptists will have our part in sharing the gospel with everyone in the world.

Book Reviews

THE DANIEL DILEMMA, by Peggy Stanton; Word Books, Waco, Texas; 222 pages; \$5.95.

The writer is the wife of Ohio Congressman J. William Stanton and has had opportunity to view a number of famous people at close range. Her book is a look at their lives and how they live them. She has chosen Andrew Young, John McCormack, Don Shula, Gerald Ford, Arthur Taylor, Harold Hughes, Ray Scherer, Mark Hatfield, and James Buckley. Mrs. Stanton was a journalist in both the radio and newspaper fields and was the first woman correspondent for ABC in Washington.

A LAYMAN'S BIBLE DIGEST, by Leslie Peyton; Fleming H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, N. J. 07675; 772 pages; \$9.95.

The author is a layman, and he presents no sermons or dissertations. This is a book-by-book presentation of the Scriptures. There is a great deal of explanatory material as well as the discussion of the Scriptures. He estimates the time each book was written, discusses the author, and announces the theme.

The author is a businessman who felt the need for such a presentation for laymen presented from a layman's point of view.

Thanks From North Dakota

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the regular copies of *The Record* which I receive. I enjoy the paper because of its wide coverage of Baptist life.

I also want to express my appreciation for the support of the mission work which is taking place in North Dakota. We are very involved in the Bold Mission Thrust and we have been receiving assistance from some individuals and churches in Mississippi. Some of the missions which have been started recently could not have been started without this help. The summer missionaries which are sent to us by Mississippi Baptist always do an excellent job in helping us lay the ground work for new missions through Vacation Bible School and surveys. Their work is very essential to us.

I wish to single out the Sunflower County Association and Bro. Granville H. Watson, Jr., Director of Missions, for the assistance which they gave us recently in the special mission project through which 1,400 persons were enrolled in Bible study.

Please express our appreciation to all of the Baptist people of Mississippi, and be assured of our prayers for your work in that state.

Carl G. Edmon
Director of Missions
North Dakota
Southern Baptist Fellowship

Thanks From Riverside

The response of Mississippi Baptists to the recent crisis in Clarksdale was both gratifying and inspiring. The ice storm left our community almost totally without power and very little means of normal communication. The crisis began with massive power outages on Jan. 6. For most of Clarksdale and the surrounding area the outages continued through Jan. 11. The temperatures ranged in the low 'teens with the wind chill factor hovering near the zero mark.

The arrival of the Disaster Relief Unit was a most welcome sight. Here was visible proof of the "boldness" of Mississippi Baptists in Christian ministry. Before leaving, the unit prepared more than 8,000 hot meals. Volunteers from our local Baptist churches delivered almost 1,000 of those meals to the elderly and the shut-in.

I have been in the ministry for 17 years, all of them in Mississippi. But I have never been as proud to be a Mississippi Baptist as now. Proud, yet humbled, because of the greatness and graciousness of our Lord Jesus expressed through the cooperative ef-



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Will You Be My Valentine?

To my husband: I can't write sonnets as did Elizabeth Barrett Browning — At Ridge Grove School I made Valentines, but I didn't write any original poems to decorate them. I just copied jingles like "Roses are red and violets are blue; sugar is sweet and so are you," or "As sure as the rat runs up the rafter, you are the one that I am after." Anyhow, they say that actions speak louder than words, so on Valentine's Day I promise:

I'll get up before daybreak so I'll have time to cook your breakfast before I leave for work — and I won't even forget to do the hash browns. (You work and I work, so it's only fair, I think, that we share the work around the house, but just for a day — because I love you — I'll do more than a fair share. Okay?)

I know full well you didn't marry me for my beauty, and I believe that you love me no matter what I wear or how I look. But Valentine's Day I'll try to look as nice as I possibly can. Though my fleecy rose-colored housecoat is my winter uniform because it's the warmest garment I own, I'll hide it for a day, and surprise you with something glamorous. I'll even comb my hair before breakfast.

I'll take time to pack your lunch before you leave work, and slip into it a

homemade Valentine circled with lots of XX's and OO's.

If there are any errands you want me to run during my lunch break, just give me the list and I will run them.

I was going to say I'd cook you a good dinner, but I just remembered it's the night of the family Valentine banquet at the church. I'll meet you there — joyously. I'm glad you're my family.

When we get home from church I'll turn the television on, to whatever channel you choose. And I promise not to talk while your programs are on.

I'll have a chocolate cake ready so that you can eat your favorite mid-night snack.

If you want to talk I'll listen, but if you want to be quiet I won't keep asking, "Why don't you ever talk to me?"

All day long I won't complain about anything, and I'll be fully as polite to you as I am to any stranger. I'll be as liberal with my affection as you are with yours.

How do I love you? I could never count all the ways.

Why do I love you? As in Paul's definition of love, "You are 'patient and kind' 'never haughty, selfish or rude,' 'do not hold grudges,' are seldom 'irritable or touchy,' and are 'always loyal.'"

Next week, on Wednesday, will you be my Valentine?

Letters To The Editor

forts of Mississippi Baptists.

A special word of commendation is due Rusty Griffin and the entire task force. We are privileged to have Rusty a part of Mississippi Baptist work. The pastors in the Riverside Association also deserve a special word. They worked long and hard throughout the entire crisis.

From our hearts we say, "Thank you!"

Danny Lee Prater
Director of Missions
Riverside Association

Honor Not Due

The Baptist Record of Jan. 17th listed the top 20 churches in net Sunday School gain for 1977-78.

Ours was listed as being number one in the state. In all Christian honesty, I must explain that this was an error in reporting the previous year's (1976-77) enrollment, which should have included our chapel, but did not.

As you can see, when this was reported this year it indicated an unusually large increase in our enrollment. We just wanted your readers to understand that we are sorry about this error and that we were not due this honor.

We have made modest gains in our Sunday School enrollment, but not enough to deserve this honor.

Jim Dalrymple
Minister of Education
First Baptist Church
Ocean Springs, Miss.

Valentine's Day

With Valentine's Day upon us again many people will be bringing out their wallets and breaking open their piggy banks to buy that special someone a special gift. But with Valentine's Day as with Christmas and Easter people seem to leave the important parts of these celebrations behind.

Valentine's Day, which commemorates the martyrdom of St. Valentine, a Roman Priest, has taken on a meaning that leaves people in a feeling of happiness. The main theme of Valentines Day today is love, but the true love that we've seen in the past seems to have disappeared.

One of Jesus' greatest commandments was "that ye love one another." John 15:17. But today love has taken on an entirely new meaning thanks to our fast paced society.

Husbands and wives are too busy to stop and care for one another. The book of Ephesians says, "Wives submit yourselves to your husbands as unto the Lord."

Dad's role as husband, father, and provider pulls him away from the needs of his family. Ephesians 5:25

Thanks to Dan Hall

A few weeks ago my fellow worker and I were involved in an automobile accident on highway 49 near Mendenhall. Dan Hall happened on the scene at the time of the accident. Mr. Hall provided assistance to us and did everything possible for us. I just want to let you know that Mr. Hall went out of his way to help his fellow man.

Lewis Watts

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Prayer Is Vital For Home Missions

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — What do the people of home missions want most during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions? Prayer. They invite Southern Baptists to share in praying for real needs in home missions March 4-11, 1979.

"My prayer is one of thanksgiving for our missionaries," said M. Wendell Belew, director of the missions division of the Home Mission Board. "We have some of the greatest, sharpest, creative people on earth."

Still, more people, more talents and specialized skills are needed.

"There are 100 US-2 volunteers we won't be able to fund next year. Church extension and language missions could place 500 new missionaries if we had the money. We'll send about 100 seminary interns to the fields to start churches next summer, but we could send 200 effectively if we had the money," Belew said.

"Then, there's hunger, and hurting people who are young and old, singles, and persons of 'strange' lifestyles. There are the blind, deaf, illiterate. I would like to be able to fund specialists in all these areas and more," he said.

C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism section requests prayer for employing two consultants in evangelism to minister to young adults, college-age, singles, and the aging. He also requests prayer for lay involvement in evangelism.

The department of cooperative ministries with national Baptists has as one of its concerns the placement of black seminarians in several types of Christian ministry. Emmanuel L. McCall, director of that department, said that valuable on-the-job training is the result of such intern programs.

"These students have rendered valuable service to this ministry," said McCall. "Reaching the Easter Offering goal would allow us to increase the number of interns from 13 to 21."

Seminary interns have served as church planters as well. Church extension department director Jack Redford requests prayer in appointing 20 such interns to start new churches and re-church transitional communities.

Gerald B. Palmer, director of the Board's mission section, requests prayer for a program called PACT — Project Assistance to Churches in Transition.

"Offering funds will provide the costs of material and training sessions for persons in strategizing for cities," Palmer said. "These persons will later provide leadership in guiding metropolitan churches through this difficult experience."

Meeting the \$15,000,000 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal will increase the funding for this project. Palmer also asks that Southern Baptists

pray for the urgent need of a new director of associational missions in Wisconsin.

"The area the Fred Hills now serve includes about one half of the state," said Palmer. Fred Hill is director of associational missions and a catalytic church starter.

"Twelve new church-type missions have been started this past year," said Palmer. "But the door is open for 50 more by 1982. First we need a new association to be formed and additional missionary leadership is critical."

A prayer request from the language missions department is to fund "Laser Penetration" in ten major United States cities. Laser Penetration activities allow ethnic personnel to spend several days in a given city making an in-depth study of the ethnic population. They seek to discover and evaluate needs, discover and enlist ethnic leaders, and in many instances, establish an ethnic unit of work.

Also the language missions department requests prayer as they begin work with one of the ethnic groups in the U.S. with whom Southern Baptists do not yet have a ministry. Department director Oscar Romo said they have been seeking to do this each year.

The language WMU department also seeks to begin work with a new language group. The department works with all ethnic groups but provides literature for only Spanish-speaking WMUs.

"We need literature on a regular basis for at least the Korean organizations," said department director Doris Diaz.

"If the Easter Offering goal is reached," said A. Carl Hart, "it would provide financial assistance to establish 10 new chaplaincy ministries in prisons, hospitals, and industries." Hart directs the Board's chaplaincy division.

Paul Adkins, director of Christian social ministries shares two specific requests from the mission field.

In Chelsea, Massachusetts, missionaries James and Nancy McAllece have 75 persons in chapel on Sunday. Adkins says that through weekday ministries they have had 650 persons in activities of Bible study, crafts, and such. The McAlleces need additional staff, specifically maintenance, if additional funds are given.

Also the Baptist Center in Johnson City, Tennessee, needs a van so the center can more effectively serve the community.

"Volunteers," said Wendell Belew. "We need thousands of lay persons everywhere."

"I would hope that Southern Baptists might pray during the March 4-11 Week of Prayer that we will be sensitive to the places where God is at work through his Spirit. And to discover the resources which he has already provided. We should pray that what we do, we will do in his name and not forget the stewardship entrusted to us by him and by Southern Baptists," he said.

Billy Graham Crusade Soloist Appears In Baptist TV Series

FORT WORTH — When Myrtle Hall steps in front of a camera or on to a stage, she moves, smiles and speaks with the authority of a polished performer.

More than five years of studying opera at New York's Juillard School of Music have contributed to her stage presence. But the 31-year-old member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team is quick to acknowledge the daily presence of God in her life.

Appearing in one-third of the segments of "At Home with the Bible," a television series produced by the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Radio and Television Commission, Miss Hall sings and shares her testimony. Frank Pollard of First, Jackson is the Bible teacher on the program.

"God has given me so many opportunities, especially in worldwide evangelism," said Miss Hall, who in recent months has appeared in Graham crusades in India, The Philippines, Detroit, Cincinnati and Asheville, N. C.

While she began studying voice at the age of 12 and was the first youth to sing with the symphony in her hometown of Greenville, S. C., her family did not have the money to send her to college.

"I was a community project," she laughs, and talks with gratitude about Arthur Magill, a Christian converted from Judaism, who organized the Myrtle Hall Fund to raise money for her education. "This got the community involved and interested in my career," she said.

Upon her graduation from high school, the board members of the fund presented her in concert. "It was the largest integrated audience ever to attend an event at Memorial Auditorium in Greenville," she said.

The fall after graduating from high school, Miss Hall went to Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn., where she had earned a scholarship to study voice. After being on campus three days, Magill called to tell her she had an audition at Juillard.

"I planned an operatic career, inspired by Leontyne Price," said Miss Hall. "I had learned Negro spirituals from her albums."

While home from Juillard for Christmas in 1966, Cliff Barrows heard her sing and invited her to participate in the Graham Crusade to be held in Greenville.

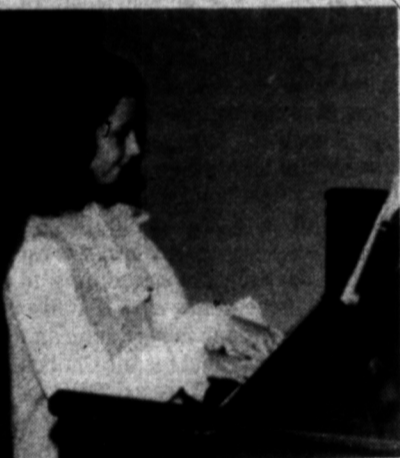
During her appearance in the crusade, Miss Hall said, "I began to feel that God had a mission in my life."

1042 Young Pianists Perform In Festivals

The District Keyboard Festival at Parkway Church, Jackson on Saturday, Jan. 27, was one of 16 district festivals held Jan. 25, 26, and 27.

At Parkway, 134 played the piano. For all the festivals 1042 had pre-registered.

These festivals were sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



CATEGORY II students play a hymn as written in the hymnal, with pedal. Penni May, 10, is from First Church, Crystal Springs.



CATEGORY I is for beginners, first, second, and third graders, who play a simple hymn arrangement with no pedal. Kim Kitchens, 8, is from First Church, Hazlehurst.



CATEGORY I-A is for beginners, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. They play a simple hymn arrangement with no pedal. Leigh Evans, 9, is from First Church, Crystal Springs.



CATEGORY II-A participants play a hymn with pedal, as written in the hymnal, while the congregation sings, and following the leadership of a music director. Walter Meyer, 10, is from Mt. Salus Presbyterian Church, Clinton.



CATEGORY III is for the student who can make appropriate additions to what has been written in the hymnal, following a music director while the congregation sings, and play an arrangement or transcription of the same hymn. Dianne Bracken, Asbury Congregational Church, Jackson, plays the piano while Barbara Smith, Parkway member and MC senior, leads the singing.

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First, Jackson, Gives \$80,000 To LM

Mrs. Frances Smira, right, WMU director at First Church, Jackson, and state WMU president, presents a check for \$80,226.65 to Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The check is First Church, Jackson's 1978 Lottie Moon Offering. The goal was \$65,000. At left is Marjean Patterson, director, Mississippi WMU.

Highland, Laurel, Surpasses Goal

January 21 was a "Super Sunday" at Highland Church, Laurel, when it was announced that the record goal of \$12,000 for the Lottie Moon Offering had been surpassed by over \$1100. The total offering amounted to \$13,101.38. (Last year's offering was \$8,600.00).

A large "clock" was mounted on the wall of the sanctuary December 1 to register the progress of the offering in "minutes." The goal of \$12,000 would operate the work of the entire Foreign Mission Board for one hour and 45 minutes.

'Liberated Wailing Wall' Will Sing At 1st, Pearl

The Liberated Wailing Wall, Jews for Jesus, of San Francisco, Calif., will perform on Feb. 15 at First Church, Pearl, at 7 p.m.

They will be sharing music about Jesus the Messiah, and would also like to promote evangelistic work among the Jewish people.

The concert is free, with an offering to be received for the work of Jews for Jesus.

For more information, call the church at 939-4476 or Jews for Jesus at 800-227-3190.

Ron Roberts is minister of music at First, Pearl.

Preaching Conference Scheduled For April

NASHVILLE — Several hundred Southern Baptist pastors are expected to convene in Baton Rouge, La., April 9-11 for the third annual National Conference on Preaching.

Florida Boulevard Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, will be the site of the conference.

"Clyde Fant and Harold Bryson, two of the most effective teachers of preaching to be found in our country will lecture during the conference," according to James Barry, conference coordinator and a consultant in the church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

Fant, pastor of First Church, Richardson, Texas, is a former professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary.

Bryson is the author of several books and a former pastor in Alabama and Mississippi. He is professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary.

Videotape evaluations of sermons of five nationally known pastors to be made at the conference include John

Bisagno, Wayne Dehoney, Jack Sherman, Frank Pollard, and Jim Henry.

Messages on preaching will be delivered by Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Church, Birmingham, and James Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities Church, Dallas. Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, also will speak.

To register for the conference, send \$10 to James C. Barry, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

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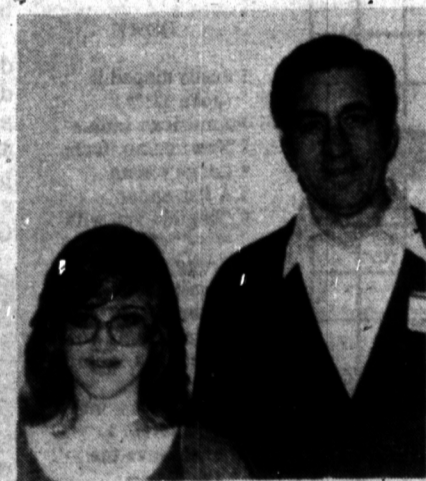
Calvary Church of Columbia has announced that Donald Winters is serving as interim music director. He is head of the music department at William Carey College. His services began January 31, and will continue until the church secures a full time person. James E. Walker is pastor.

Revival Dates

First Church, Biloxi: Feb. 11-16; Jim Henry, First Church, Orlando, Fla., evangelist; John Shillington, Two Rivers Church, Nashville, Tenn., singer; Frank Gunn, pastor.

Parkway Church, Houston: Feb. 18-23; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Hamp Valentine, singer; James H. Cannon, pastor.

Duncan Church, Duncan: Feb. 18-23; Jim Bain, Oxford, evangelist; Ron Lambe, minister of music and education at North Oxford Church, singer; Billy J. Beckett, pastor.



JIM RAYMICK, music director at Parkway, Jackson, was festival leader at Parkway. Jennie Davis of Parkway was a runner, doing errands and delivering messages.



CATEGORY IV participants play a hymn and a classical selection. They are encouraged to take part in other proficiency areas, as sight-reading, accompanying, transposition, modulation, but don't have to do all of these in one year. This category, for more advanced piano students, usually includes 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Marci McCord, First Church, Clinton, left, and Lillian Wadsworth, right, are from First Church, Clinton.

ABC Won't Be So Sweet

NEW YORK (RNS) — The ABC television network has announced it will reduce television advertising aimed at children by 20 per cent during the next two years — from the present 8.5 minutes per hour on Saturday and Sunday mornings to 6.5 minutes per hour by January 1981. Local advertising during those time slots will remain at one minute per hour. None of the other major networks have announced any plans, to date, to reduce television advertising for children.

In response to increasing public criticism of TV ads aimed at children, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has proposed regulations limiting such ads. Public hearings on the FTC proposals are underway.

ABC-TV president James E. Duffy said the time saved from the cutbacks in children's advertising will be used for public service announcements and messages on nutrition.

The FTC proposals include bans on TV advertising aimed at children under 8 and ads for children under 12 of heavily sugared products that could cause tooth decay. Advertisers would be required to provide for public service health messages to balance information given in the commercials.

Calvary Begins Church Training

"We felt that it was necessary for us to provide for church training if we were ever going to grow as a church and carry out Christ's commission," writes Pastor Tracy Martin following the organization of a Church Training Program at Calvary Baptist Church, Gulf Coast Association.

Facing the problems of a small church, Martin reports that they began with two units of training — one for adults and one for youth utilizing curriculum pieces Baptist Adults and Baptist Youth.

Beginning with an enrollment of 19 there was an attendance of 21 on January 14.

Calvary Baptist Church claimed the promise of the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide literature for the first quarter (to a maximum value of \$50) to any church beginning a new Church Training Program.

Volunteers, Vaccine Fight Measles Epidemic In Ghana

NALERIGU, Ghana (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers are inoculating 50,000 children in northern Ghana to help prevent further spread of a serious measles epidemic.

Thousands of children in Ghana have been affected. Missionary physician Frances Greenway reported that the pediatric ward of Baptist Medical Centre in Nalerigu is full and some children are sleeping on the floor. Some 75 to 80 percent of these cases are from measles.

A three-person team of Southern Baptist medical volunteers is utilizing a \$25,000 appropriation from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission

Board's emergency relief fund in a campaign designed to help the Ghana government in its efforts to meet the country's health needs.

Measles in Africa often has much more serious effects on children than in the United States, Greenway pointed out. Even children in good condition who contract this particular strain of measles may not survive, and the survival rate among the malnourished is low.

Missionaries knew they couldn't possibly continue the heavy patient load at the hospital and also go into the surrounding area for vaccination clinics. So three volunteers from emergency disaster teams flew to Ghana to assist in the work. These

teams are made up of American medical professionals who remain on standby status in case emergency health care needs arise.

Two nurses, Helen Roller of Amarillo, Texas, and Joyce Duncan of Poplar Bluff, Mo., went into the villages and surrounding areas with Dr. Walter M. Moore, missionary physician at the Nalerigu Hospital. A volunteer doctor, Joe Barnes of Claremore, Okla., took Moore's surgical and medical load at the hospital.

The board's general relief funds, used to finance such projects, are virtually depleted. Contributions should be marked "general relief" which would permit any excess funds to be used in projects of a similar nature.

Couple Gives \$1,000,000 To Southwestern Seminary

The largest single gift in the history of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, was announced Jan. 26, by Seminary President Russell H. Dillard, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Slover of Litherth, Texas, have given property valued at \$1 million to the seminary's

general endowment fund.

The announcement was made during the annual meeting of the seminary's Advisory Council. Slover, who is involved in real estate and investments, is a new member of the Council.

Slover served as chairman of the

seminary's Eight by Eighty campaign in the Trinity River Association. The campaign is an effort to raise \$8 million by 1980 for endowment, student aid, and capital improvement.

The gift brings the campaign total to \$6.6 million, or 83 per cent of the goal. The Slovers' gift involves two apartment complexes in Austin, Texas. The operation and sale of the apartments will be coordinated by the Baptist Foundation of Texas in behalf of the seminary.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Myra K. and J. Roy Slover Endowment Fund, which was established in August, 1977. The money will be used in the seminary's unrestricted endowment fund.

The Slover cited their close association with retired Seminary President Robert E. Naylor. Both the Slovers and Naylor are natives of Oklahoma and attended East Central State University in Ada.

Slover said the love of his pastor, Bonner Magness, for the seminary and the "many blessings" he received from participation in the Eight by Eighty campaign also played important roles in the decision.



Betts Family Concert At Hillcrest

The J. B. Betts Family of Brookhaven will present a concert of sacred and gospel music at Hillcrest Church, Jackson, Sunday, Feb. 11. They will have charge of the evening worship service which begins at 7. (Betts was former music director at Hillcrest Church.)

Betts, a church music evangelist, travels over much of the nation leading music in revivals. Whenever possible, Mrs. Betts and the children accompany him and they join as a family to sing. They have spent six weeks on a missions crusade to Montana and the Northwest, and a month in concerts in Alabama and Florida.

Mrs. Betts, Marsha, and Melody sing soprano; Mary sings alto; and J. B. sings tenor. Their program includes solos, duets and trios as well as full family numbers. Most of their singing is with orchestral background sound tracks.

Maurice Clayton is the Hillcrest pastor. A love offering will be received.

Marion County Churches Give \$35,306

Of 21 churches in Marion County Association, all except one gave to the Lottie Moon Offering.

The combined goals of these churches was \$35,306. The combined gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering were \$36,654.54. If it costs \$113.00 to operate the Foreign Mission Board for one minute, Marion County Baptists will pay for five hours, 24 minutes and 22 seconds of operational costs.

Mrs. B. A. Jones is Marion association WMU director.

Knox Almost Triples Goal

Knox Church, Walthall County, has exceeded its Lottie Moon goal of \$600 by \$1,070 for a total offering of \$1,670.

"For a church of less than 90 resident members with an average Sunday School attendance of less than 40, an annual budget of slightly more than \$18,000, and a seminary student for a pastor, Knox, I think, has made an exceptional contribution," stated Gary A. Knapp, pastor.

Just For The Record

At First Church, Newton the Fellowship Sunday School Class, Adult III Department, was 100% in attendance Sunday, Jan. 21. Marion Felton was teacher and Gary Garner serves as departmental director.

"The Sounds of Joy", from Pensacola, Fla., will be in concert at First Church, Florence, on Monday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Ron Smith is minister of music and youth. Bob Hutcherson is pastor.

Strayhorn Church's Adult Choir, in Tate County, presented the cantata, "Carol of Christmas" by John Peterson, on Dec. 17. The youth choir presented a Christmas candlelight service. The choirs are directed by Cherry Smith. J. B. Petrea is pianist. Cecil Cole is pastor.

Children, ages 3-12, at Strayhorn Church, Tate County, pantomimed the Christmas story on Dec. 20. Ronny Smith and Linda Hankins were narrators. The play was directed by Myrna Johnson and Juanita Brown. Cecil Cole is the pastor.

MEN OF BLACKWATER CHURCH, Kemper County, recognized a fellow member of long standing during special services on Sunday, Jan. 14.

CHARLES C. WEAVER, pastor emeritus, received a plaque in recognition of his "outstanding contribution to the spiritual growth of the church membership through his witness and teachings."

In addition, the adult men's Sunday School class was renamed the "C. C. Weaver Class" in his honor.

A STEEPLE was donated to Crane Creek Church, Perkinson, Hancock County, by MRS. EUNICE SHAW, in memory of her husband, JOHNSON S. SHAW, SR. Gerald D. Ladner is pastor.

Larue Church, Jackson County has started a bus ministry, on Sunday mornings to local subdivisions. Already some new children have been enlisted in church activities. The bus captain is Ray Keen, Jr.; the driver is O. C. Myers. Bus hostesses are Cheryl Rigdon and Tammy Stockman, and the bus host is James Cane.

The church sponsors a gospel singing every fourth Friday night of the month. Diane Keen, church member, states that the public is invited.

Nothing is done. Everything in the world remains to be done or done over. — Lincoln Steffens.

Jan King Will Be Presented In Instrumental Recital



Jan King

Organ Workshop To Be Held In Hattiesburg

Graham Purkerson, professor of organ and piano at William Carey College, will be the clinician for an organ workshop at Roseberry Piano House in Hattiesburg, on Tuesday, April 3, 1979, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided during the workshop. There will be no charge for the workshop or lunch.

The universe is a stairway leading nowhere unless man is immortal.

Jan King, organist at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will be presented in an instrumental recital following the evening worship service on Sunday, Feb. 18, in the sanctuary, at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. King will play selections on the 46 rank Reuter pipe organ, the piano, and electric piano. Her program will include a variety of styles, ranging from quiet improvisations on "Jesus Loves Me" and "Spirit of the Living God" to the brilliant pianistic stylings of Dino to the majesty of Don Hustad's arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Included in this 45 minute program will be Mrs. King's thoughts and philosophies as a church organist and instrumentalist.

She holds a B.A. degree from Mississippi College.

She served as organist at Ridgecrest Church in Jackson before coming to Broadmoor three years ago. She also teaches private piano in her home and is a keyboard specialist for the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

She is married to Jimmy King, counselor at Murrah High School and they are the parents of two sons, Jay, 12, and Paul, 11.

Her parents are Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Cutrell. Her father is a consultant in the Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The public is invited to this program. A reception honoring Mrs. King will be held after the program.

David R. Grant is pastor at Broadmoor. J. M. Wood is minister of music.

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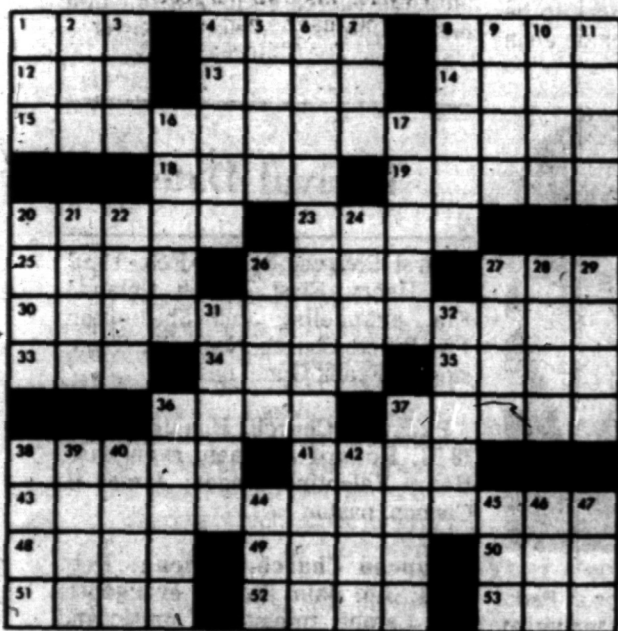
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- 12 Inhabitant suffix
- 13 Italian river
- 14 Zinc and copper
- 15 "let the —" (Psa. 96)
- 18 Hawaiian porch
- 19 Birds have them (Luke 9:58)
- 20 Paul chose him (Acts 15:40)
- 23 Siamese and Persian
- 25 Party to
- 26 "take thee a —" (Ezek. 4)
- 27 Pronouns
- 30 "there came down a —" (Luke 10)
- 33 New Zealand parrot
- 34 Timber trees
- 35 The Fiat chestnut
- 36 Goulash
- 37 Dimmer
- 38 Religious statue
- 41 Death notice
- 43 "should glory —" (1 Cor. 1)
- 48 "took a — of the tent" (Judg. 4)
- 49 Mental image
- 50 Blade follower (Mark 4:38)
- 51 Being
- 52 Estimates; abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Jesus dipped it (John 13:26)
- 2 American Indian
- 3 New comb. form
- 4 Large rooms
- 5 A fish-spear
- 6 "beguile you with —" (Col. 2)
- 7 Craggy hill
- 8 Family abodes
- 9 Globes
- 10 Animal skin
- 11 Directions: abbr.
- 16 Sow
- 17 "shall not — into my rest" (Heb. 3)
- 20 "shall save the —" (Jas. 5)
- 21 Arrow poison
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- 24 European mountains
- 26 Fork part
- 27 "power to — sicknesses" (Mark 3)
- 28 Old Italian princely house
- 29 It was in the east (Matt. 2:8)
- 31 Philippine people: pl.
- 32 Incensed
- 36 Steps over a fence
- 37 Tower city: poss.
- 38 Tree (Isa. 66:13)
- 39 Noun suffix: pl.
- 40 Man (Gen. 46:21; poss.)
- 43 Vegetable
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- 45 "this — doctrine" (Acts 17)
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Women Dress Puppets For Okinawa

Women of Fairview Church, Columbus, gave a puppet party for Mrs. Mamie Redd. When the Fidelis Sunday School class heard that their former teacher, Mrs. Redd, was to join her husband in Okinawa, they decided to help her get ready for a mission adventure. Dot Gillis made the puppets for her and other women met for the sewing party to dress them.

Seamstresses were (left to right) Francis Garner, Betty Graham, Ann Townsend, Julia Crenshaw, Mamie Redd, Bernice Campbell, Dot Gillis, Lucille McCrary, Thyra Ford, and (not pictured), Mildred Aultman and Catherine McConnell.

Mrs. Redd left for Okinawa Feb. 3, and will be working in the Koza Church where her husband, Herbert Redd, now teaches a Bible class. Southern Baptist missionaries at Koza City, Okinawa, are Elton and Dorothy Gray.



Comedian Bob Hope will be guest of honor and receive the Distinguished Communications Medal during the 10th Annual Abe Lincoln Awards program March 1. The awards, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be held in Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth, Tex. "The Distinguished Communications Medal was designed to honor persons who have made unusual contributions to this country," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission president. "Bob Hope has emerged on the world scene as unique in his compassion for the American serviceman and in his ability to make the world laugh even in its darkest hours. For four generations his humor and personality have bridged the gap between every segment of American life." Hope is the first entertainer to receive the medal.

Thomas Thurman, missionary to Bangladesh, taught the January Bible Study on the book of Mark at First Church, Magee, Jan. 28-31. Oliver Laddner is the pastor.

Robert Sheffield led the adult Bible study Jan. 28-31 at Highland Church, Meridian. A native of Mississippi and formerly was pastor in Mississippi, he is pastor of Congress Avenue Church, Austin, Tex. Jackie Hamilton is the Highland pastor.

Jerry and Frances Smyth, missionaries to Brazil, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Colegio Taylor-Egido, 45343 Jaguapara, BA, Brazil). Before they were appointed in 1953, he was pastor of Lexie Church, Tylertown.

John and Sarah Perkins, missionaries to France, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: 2 rue des Etats Unis, 91300 Massy, France).

Mrs. Nell Adams and Calvin Permenter were presented in a program of sacred music Jan. 28 at First Church, Newton. Both are on the music faculty at Clarke College, and he is organist at the Newton church. Mrs. Adams, alto, sang several numbers and Permenter gave a concert on the piano. Hardy Denham is the pastor.

Mrs. John Jacobs, former missionary to Guyana and to Dominque, was the speaker for an associational Baptist Women's rally sponsored by Lauderdale WMU. The rally was at Highland Church on Feb. 5. Mrs. Jacobs is public relations director at Clarke College and Baptist Women's director of Newton Association.

Morris Ashcraft will lead the Gospel of Mark Bible study at the University Church, Hattiesburg, March 11-14.



Ashcraft is professor of Christian Theology at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., since 1959. He will speak in chapel at Mississippi College on March 12 and at Noonday at the Baptist Student Union at University of Southern Mississippi on March 13. Prospective Midwestern students will have an opportunity to talk with Ashcraft during his visit to Mississippi.

Claude D. Anthony of Jackson was recognized by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, Feb. 6 for service on the denominational retirement and insurance planning agency's board of trustees. Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, presented a plaque to Anthony during the agency's 61st trustee meeting at 511 North Akard Building, home office of the Annuity Board. Anthony, business administrator of Broadmoor Church in Jackson, has served eight years on the board.

Jan Cossitt, director of activities and youth at Morrison Heights Church in Clinton, was recently honored by the Clinton Jaycees as the "Outstanding Young Religious Leader" in the town.



Wendell and Laquita Powers, missionary associates to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Marylou Moore, missionary to Italy, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Freeland, Box 150, Rt. 1, Curtice, Ohio, 43412).

Faye Pearson, missionary to Taiwan, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 222, Kaohsiung 800, Taiwan, Republic of China).

John and Elizabeth Merritt, missionaries to Germany, may be addressed at Schuppstrasse 74, 62 Wiesbaden, West Germany. He is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Rex and Sherry Holt, missionaries to Togo, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: BP 3514, Lome, Togo).

Val and Mary Frances Frailey, missionaries to Morocco, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Villa 8, Chario Souss, Cite Saada, Aviation, Rabat, Morocco).

Donald and Barbara Ann Phlegar, missionaries to Thailand, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand).

Harry and Frances Raley, missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Mary Sampson, missionary to Taiwan, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 8133 Blaine Rd., Richmond, Va. 23235).

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Davis Byrd has been named to the newly-created position of director of facilities, planning and management at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Byrd, who has been administrative assistant for campus planning since August 1976, will assume the duties of the new position, which will combine his present position with that of director of the physical plant, August 1, 1979, when Kenneth Herren retires as director of the physical plant.

Since coming to Southern, Byrd has completed a master campus plan which was adopted by the seminary board of trustees.

J. Wallace Lee, who has been on the staff of the Baptist Children's Village since 1976, has been asked to fill the



Village post of administrative assistant, purchasing and finance, effective immediately.

In his new assignment, Lee will assume the primary responsibility for all matters relating to the routine and daily receipt and disbursement of operating funds.

In addition, Lee assumes the primary responsibility of purchasing and/or authorizing the purchase of food, clothing, household needs and supplies of every type and kind for all Village locations.

This appointment abolishes the staff assignment of financial secretary and expands that assignment to include detailed studies, reports and analyses which Lee will conduct in financial operating areas for the information and study of the executive director and the Board of Trustees.

Lee will also have certain other responsibilities in the Department of Administration, including assistance in direct mail communication and development and some part-time supervisory responsibility on the Village's Jackson campus.

He moved to the Jackson campus Feb. 23, 1976. He has previously served as a houseparent with boys, and for the past 1 1/2 years, has acted as manager of the Supply Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee and their two sons are members of First Church, Jackson. He is an ordained Baptist minister with degrees from Samford University and Midwestern Seminary, and frequently represents The Baptist Children's Village in guest pulpit appearances in this state.

Three Get Degrees At BBI

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — The January graduation exercises for Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., were held Jan. 19 in the R. G. Lee Chapel on the BBI campus.

Included in the list of graduates were three students from Mississippi. They were Bob O'Neal of Meridian, B. Min.; Ernest E. Saint of Meridian, B. Min.; and Roy J. Wood of Biloxi, Dip. Th.

Three Brothers Are Ministers Of Activity

EUSTIS, Fla. — They are brothers by blood, brothers by Christ and all three have been called to serve in the area of church recreation, said Bobby Shows, the oldest brother serving as minister of activities at Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark.

"We never thought all three of us would be led into the same area of service since we each have had different experiences and interests," Bobby said. "I graduated from Mississippi State with a bachelor's degree in social science and a master's degree in guidance counseling. After graduation I taught and coached for two years before going into fulltime service in youth and recreation at Lewisburg, Miss."

Scotty Shows, the second brother now serving at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., also was a teacher and coach before going into fulltime service. He graduated from Mississippi State with a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in high school administration.

"I loved teaching and coaching and did both through graduate school and three years afterwards," Scotty said. "The odd thing that happened was in each town a small church needed someone to work with the music and youth and I served each time."

"My wife and I began to feel that the Lord might be leading us into fulltime service but I had no formal training and no way to be contacted by churches," Scotty added.

Within the next week Scotty was contacted by several churches and went to Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., in June of 1972.

The youngest brother, Glenn, took a different route from his older brothers and he received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana College and then served as a US-2 missionary in Nevada.

When Glenn's term was completed he went to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his master of religious education in December of 1978 and is now serving as minister of activities and youth at First Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss.

"My brothers never pushed me into fulltime service but were tremendous supporters and counselors," Glenn said. "My parents have also played an important role in my life through their help and prayers."

Being brothers in the same area of

church work has been a positive experience for the Shows.

"The only problem we really have is being called by different names when we're together at a meeting such as a church recreation laboratory," said Bobby. "Other than that it is great having so much to share with one another."

"We are able to share successful program ideas and then failures," Scotty said. "We are also very honest with one another and never have to put up fronts when we're together."

The closeness of the brothers and parents have extended to the wives of Bobby and Scotty and their children.

"Each year we schedule a week of vacation and all the families get together for fun and relaxation," Glenn said. "It's a great fellowship."

David Meece

Concert Planned

In Clarksdale

David Meece, concert and recording artist for World Records, will appear at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

This concert is being sponsored by the youth ministry of Riverside Association. Admission will be \$2.50 in advance or \$3.00 at the door. Tickets are on sale at all Baptist churches in Clarksdale and at the Lion and Lamb Bookstore. More information may be obtained from Gary Phillips (624-2538) or Gene Neal (624-8551). Phillips is associational youth director.

BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

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"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Ps. 126:5).

THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM
Baptist Children's Village
P. O. Box 11308

THANK YOU!

We have just completed reviewing and analyzing support gifts received in our offices, in cash, during calendar year 1978, a custom which we have observed for a number of years. This annual review and analysis continues to reveal for us interesting, helpful and encouraging facts about the involvement of church and individual friends in Mississippi in the maintenance of our mission assignment. As a part of the annual review, we produced, for the private information of our Board of Trustees, an "Honor Roll" of churches, which is a listing of every Mississippi Baptist church which, as an organized church, has contributed \$300 or more in designated cash gifts to The Children's Village during the preceding year. Since this review again prompts us to count our material blessings, and in order to again thank Mississippi Baptists, both churches and individual friends of children for loyal support during the difficult and expensive year of 1978, we gratefully share with you a few of the facts revealed by this review and analysis:



1. The Children's Village is Baptist owned and operated in more than name only! In calendar year 1978, 57.3% of our cash, operating funds was contributed by Baptist churches of Mississippi, as organized groups, either through participation in our Cooperative Program allocation, or through designated, cash gifts directly from churches to The Village. Obviously, the overwhelming majority of the individuals who made cash contributions to the needs of our children during calendar year 1978 were Baptist and were members of local, Mississippi congregations. Since The Village neither accepts nor seeks funding from government at any level, and remains a voluntary, non-profit child care agency, operating solely and only from voluntary support contributed by churches and individuals, and since the Village seeks to retain the spiritual character to its approach to child care as a Baptist

mission ministry, this statistic is both interesting and encouraging to us.

2. In calendar year 1978, our Cooperative Program allocation produced 18.3% of our cash, operating resources, and gifts designated by Baptist churches, as organized groups, produced 39% of our operating resources. The effects of inflation upon our ministry can be measured, in part, by the fact that these 1978 figures represent a decrease from 1977 figures of 8% in terms of gifts designated by churches and 1.7% in terms of Cooperative Program allocations, in spite of the fact that total dollar volume of gifts received from both resources experienced an encouraging increase.

3. In calendar year 1978, a total of 271 different Mississippi Baptist churches contributed at least \$300.00 in designated, cash gifts to The Children's Village as compared to 265 different churches in 1977 and 191 different churches in 1975. In calendar year 1978, 1478 different Mississippi Baptist churches made a designated, cash gift, in some amount, to the needs of our children as compared to 1513 such churches in 1977 and 1461 such churches in 1975.

4. In calendar year 1978, 67 different Mississippi Baptist churches contributed \$1,000.00 or more in designated, cash gifts to the needs of our children, as compared to 56 such churches in 1977 and 48 such churches in 1975.

5. In calendar year 1978, the natural families of Village children under care, assisted us in the support of our services and ministry to their children in amounts which aggregated 6.75% of our total, cash, operating receipts for 1978, a figure amounting to more than \$62,000.00.

6. In calendar year 1978, the "top ten" Mississippi Baptist churches in terms of designated, cash gifts to The Village and its children were as follows:

1. First Baptist Church, Jackson, Hinds
2. Hollandale Baptist Church, Washington
3. First Baptist Church, Greenville, Washington

4. Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Hinds
5. Parkway Baptist Church, Hinds
6. Forest Baptist Church, Scott
7. First Baptist Church, Laurel, Jones
8. Faith Baptist Church, Lowndes
9. Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lowndes
10. First Baptist Church, Louisville, Winston

Thank you Mississippi Baptists for standing with us so loyally and generously in our critical assignment!

Respectfully,

Paul N. Nunnery

PAUL N. NUNNERY
Executive Director



Bailey Cottage poses.

A Thursday At BCV

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to prepare one day of the necessities of life for the big Village family? Today is Thursday. While there is not enough space to tell you everything we must provide for our children today, perhaps a listing of just a few of the necessities of life for this day will be interesting to you, and helpful in terms of affording some idea of the scope of our task. Your Thursday may be somewhat different. The following constitutes an accurate listing of some of our Thursday needs:

1. 400 clean single sheets and 30 double sheets to change
2. 460 pillows and 430 blankets, as a minimum
3. 256 hand and face towels
4. 256 bath towels

Without reproducing an entire menu for the day, at the least, we will need:

1. 480 eggs
2. 32 pounds of bacon

Presenting Our Staff



Miss Joyce Burchfield, left, Housemother, Farrow Manor Campus. A Village Staff Member since November, 1975.

Mrs. Ava Ruth Everett, right, Housemother, Jackson Campus. A Village Staff member since January, 1976.



True Story

Almost every day, members of The Village staff have encounters with children, young and old, which serve to remind us that one of the tenets of our Christian philosophy and faith is beginning to reach the heart and life of one of these little ones, whom we seek to touch.

A few days ago, a 14 year old boy, who lives on our Jackson Campus requested a private conference with Mr. Henry M. Glaze, our Home Life Director in Jackson. In the course of the conference, this young boy, who has so recently come to us from a background which has been deprived in so many respects, requested permission to be allowed to obtain a job off our campus in order to earn money. Very seriously, and in some

detail, this lad made it clear to Mr. Glaze that he had no desire to earn money for his own purposes, for he had found that he had everything he needed at The Children's Village. Instead, he told Mr. Glaze, "I just want to give everything I earn to The Village which has done so much for me. I know The Village needs help with me and the others."

It occurs to us that somewhere, somehow, this youngster has convincingly heard, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Because so many share the philosophy and the motivation of this boy, The Children's Village has stood as a monument to compassionate concern for almost a century.

LIVING MEMORIALS

We have recently sent a letter to each individual who made one or more gifts to our MEMORIAL FUND during calendar year 1978 as a means of honoring the memory and influence of deceased friends and loved ones or as a living tribute to the friendship and influence of a cherished friend or associate. Many friends of The Village and its children have found great interest and profit in utilizing this sensitive medium for purposes of memory and honor. Our 1978 review of memorial giving reminds us that a few individuals have chosen to use the Fund in one of its more attractive respects by making gifts of tribute to living friends and relatives, and we are therefore reminded to again bring this feature of The Village's MEMORIAL FUND to the attention of individual Village supporters.

In 1978 individuals, Sunday School Classes, churches and clubs made gifts to this Fund, in expressing appreciation for the service, good influence or the fellowship of a friend; to express prayerful interest and good wishes to a convalescent; in lieu of material gifts to members of a wed-

ding party; as a substitute for birthday gifts and Christmas presents; and sometimes just to remind a dear one that he or she is being remembered. Our mail tells us that these LIVING MEMORIALS are appreciated and make deep and lasting impressions upon individuals who are important to others, and should be reminded of that importance during a time of life. In response to such gifts, appropriate letters of notice, recognition and tribute are promptly dispatched from our offices to honorees, with copies to the donor. Why not let some cherished friend or relative know that you love and appreciate him through a LIVING MEMORIAL to The Baptist Children's Village? Thereby, both donor and honoree invest the strength and meaning of their relationship in our effort to lift and redirect the lives of neglected and dependent children through educational opportunities with specialized, Christian, home support. If we may serve you in this behalf, please contact our offices at P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi 39213.



GLORIETA, N. M. — Skiers enjoy the crisp air and powder snow of the Santa Fe Basin.

World Vision Airlifts Supplies To Zaire

MONROVIA, Calif. (RNS) — World Vision International, the evangelical relief agency, has airlifted \$225,000 worth of emergency supplies and equipment to the Shaba Province of Zaire.

Dean Hirsch of the World Vision staff said 12,000 hoes, 5,000 machetes, 775 kilos of seeds, five tons of maize and 24 tons of clothes have been distributed to the people in the embattled region.

have been displaced twice — in the spring of 1977 and 1978 — due to rebel invasions from Katanga. During the fighting, many fields of manioc (a starchy tuber) were uprooted.

W. Stanley Mooneyhan, president of World Vision, said his agency had to combat a host of problems ranging from government restrictions to aviation fuel shortages to ship the supplies to Shaba. The relief effort is being carried out through United Methodist missionaries and the National Church of Zaire.

Ski-Bible Conferences Attract Record Numbers

By Mark Sandlin

GLORIETA, N. M. — Before the first rays of morning break the darkness of the conference center grounds, the tramp of ski boots and the crash of skis and poles jar the early morning stillness as youngsters prepare for a day on the slopes.

During each of the last six winters, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center has offered a unique program of snow skiing and Bible study.

Due partially to the excellent snows that the Santa Fe Basin has received this year, the Ski-Bible Conference attendance is expected to top 14,700 guest days, 3,200 more than last year. The attendance total is figured on the basis of the number of nights that persons are housed at the New Mexico center. If two people stayed four nights they would be counted as eight guest days.

So far this year 5,000 people, representing 11 states, have participated in the Ski Bible conferences. Texas and Oklahoma have had the largest

number of participants, 2,458 and 1,013 respectively.

Each night the skiers gather for Bible study. Jim Horton, a student from Midwestern Seminary, leads the sessions.

With groups ranging from four to 400, Horton keeps his messages short and to the point. Using different methods of storytelling, humor and parables, Horton relates the particular area of study to the modern day Christian.

"Skiing this year in the Santa Fe Ski Basin has been great and will continue to be good through March. We hope that people will take advantage of the conferences and continue to sign up and come through March," Nilton Elliott, supervisor of the program promotion section of the conference center division, said.

Similar sessions — utilizing the North Carolina mountains — are planned for the Ridgecrest Conference Center in 1979.

Southern Baptists Send Grain To Upper Volta

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Upper Volta's drought-stricken people needed grain. Southern Baptists helped deliver 6,100 metric tons of it to the country's interior villages.

But Southern Baptists provide much more than grain in Upper Volta, and it's the way relief ministry ties in with all other Baptist work that makes the difference.

John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for west Africa, and W. Eugene Grubbs, the board coordinator for hunger relief and disaster response, pointed to the Upper Volta work recently completed as a example of early warning and total planning.

The organization of missionaries there named Norman L. Coad to direct the relief program and asked for a volunteer to do a lot of the "leg work." Mac Betha, a seminary student from Kentucky, spent a year in Upper Volta, supervising the actual grain distribution.

"The missionaries were alerted a long time ahead concerning the crop shortage," Grubbs said. They found that grain would be available, but there was no distribution system, so they offered to provide it. Enough grain to provide adequate nourishment for 420,000 people for four months

was distributed.

Southern Baptist relief funds rented warehouse space and bought a vehicle for distribution, but the grain itself was provided through other relief organizations working cooperatively with Southern Baptists.

"All of the grain was counted out of the warehouse, loaded on trucks and delivered to 204 distribution houses around the country," Grubbs said. "Some of these were warehouses and some were church buildings."

Now the four-month feeding program is over. And recent rainfall has been good enough for the people of the drought area to expect crops this season.

Mills said ongoing relief work includes training villagers in better agriculture methods, in hygiene and nutrition, and in church leadership which allows them to have a spiritual fellowship in remote areas missionaries might never reach.

Both Mills and Grubbs recognize that drought and food shortages are a way of life in Upper Volta as in all of the Sahel region of west Africa. They hope even that can be changed through adequate relief efforts.

The government of Upper Volta and Southern Baptist missionaries plan to cooperate on a dam feasibility study.

Reclaiming The Wayward

By David Grant, Pastor, Broadmoor, Jackson
James 5:19-20

At first glance at this passage of scripture, one might conclude that it refers to soul winning; however, a closer study will reveal it is dealing with the reclaiming of those who have drifted from our Lord. This is a task that is desperately needed and one that brings joy to the one who works at it. This is especially applicable to Sunday school teachers and directors who have chronic absentees from their class or department. There are three phrases found in these two verses that call for our attention.

I. The first phrase is, "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth" (James 5:19a, NAS). Believers do go astray. This is not talking about lost people. These are brothers. They are fellow Christians that are among you. Each believer is possessed with the same nature. Three specific words in this phrase make this emphatic.

The first word is "err" as is translated in the King James Version. Other translations have it "stray." It is "he same word from which we get our word 'planet' which indicates wandering. This is seen in church attendance or a moral slip.

The second word is "if." This two-letter word is the red flag. Each believer is warned against the enemy.

The third word is "truth." This is the person and work of Christ. It is the whole doctrinal and practical teaching of Jesus. People do drift away from Him.

II. The second phrase is, "you turn him back" found in verse 19, and "turns a sinner from the error of his way" in verse 20.

The work of a Christian is to turn him back. There is a tendency on the part of many to condemn, neglect, criticize, and hold someone else responsible. We are admonished in this text to help and not kick down. There are some specific words in this phrase that also merit attention. The word "one" in verse 19 means anyone. This is the work of all Christians. The word "convert" in the King James and "turns" in some other translations, means to turn toward or turn back.

III. The third phrase is, "save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins," verse 20.

This phrase is introduced with the statement, "let him know." Our Lord wants us to know that there are results for our labor. "Save a soul from death" refers to the life of a person. It is the life that has drifted from God. Death is punishment. An illustration would be becoming addicted to alcohol, driving while intoxicated, and killed in an accident. "Cover a multitude of sins" is making them where they can be seen no more. If a person has drifted away from the church and one wins him back, the sin of being away from the church is no longer real.

CONCLUSION: I want to challenge all who are Christians to become involved in reclaiming those who have drifted away.

Missionaries, Christians Band Together In Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in Taiwan are experiencing closer ties with Taiwanese Baptists in the wake of President Jimmy Carter's decision to sever political ties with that country.

"We missionaries are beginning to experience a new feeling of love flowing from our Christian brothers and sisters and from this is coming a new relationship between missionaries and Chinese co-workers," reports Martha Cohen, Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Taiwan.

At a regularly scheduled co-workers' meeting, held two days after Carter's announcement, a Chinese

pastor put his arm around one of the missionaries and said, "Don't worry; we'll protect you," Mrs. Cohen says.

But so far, the missionaries in Taiwan have not needed protection. Mrs. Cohen reports that most of the Chinese people have remained polite to Americans living on the island nation and friends have been especially loving and considerate.

The China Baptist Convention, organization of Baptist churches in Taiwan, bought lapel pins of the Republic of China flag and gave them to the missionaries to wear so they could identify themselves as friends of Taiwan.

First, Potts Camp Extends Ministry Of Its Deacons

First Church, Potts Camp in January extended its Deacon Family Ministry Plan to include non-resident members.

"Usually many non-resident members move away and drop out of church altogether," stated the pastor, Alvis Cooper. He added, "Many in that situation are not going, giving, or growing. It is the hope of the pastor, deacons, and yokemen to encourage non-resident members to be more ac-

tive in their own church or to faithfully attend church and become involved in a sister church wherever they may reside."

The active deacons and yokemen serving First Church, Potts Camp this year are: Deacons: Ronald Hudspeth, David Guess, Harold Rainey, Johnny Westmoreland, Len Marbury. Yokemen: Roy Foote, Raymond Anderson, Bill Edlin, John Hale, Marshall Clifton.



Uniform Lesson

Christ At Work Through Us

By Larry Kennedy, First, Laurel
Matt. 16:13-21; 28:18-20; John 14:12-14

Several months ago some friends of mine made a visit to Yellowstone National Park. As they talked about all the wonderful sights they had seen, one of my friends said, "I do not understand how anyone could deny the reality of God after seeing the beauty of God's creation." It is true that the Bible says that creation reveals the hand of God; however, I do not believe that God ever intended creation to be the most positive sign of his reality. God intended that you and I would be the most genuine proof of his existence. Exactly how does Christ work through us?

I. Participation

Christ works through us as we participate in his life. We must trust him as the Lord of our lives. One day Jesus asked his apostles, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). Peter responded, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:16).

Jesus begins to work through us as we commit ourselves to him as the son of the living God. To say that we "believe" in him means more than to give intellectual assent to his existence. To "believe" means to surrender our lives to him as the ultimate authority for our every day living.

When we make this decision, as Peter did, then God can say, "and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it" (Matt. 16:18). This is a wonderful promise that not even death can separate us from our loving Christ.

During World War II the city of London was bombed continually. The odor of death and destruction engulfed the city like a thick fog. One day during a severe air attack, a deeply depressed London citizen was huddled on a street corner. At that moment it appeared that all was lost. As he looked into the burning sky, a gust of wind cleared the smoke and for a few moments he was able to see the gold cross on the dome of St. Paul's Church. A deep calm settled in his heart. He realized that the forces of death would never be able to defeat God's people.

II. Praying

Christ works through us as we pray in his name. Recently an American reporter worshipped in a Protestant church in East Germany. To his surprise the pastor of the church went to

great lengths to pray for the leaders of the Communist government.

After the service, the reporter asked the pastor why he prayed for the very people who wanted to destroy the church. The pastor replied that the Bible commanded Christians to pray for all who were in authority. Then with a twinkle in his eye, he said, "And besides when the Communist leaders hear that I have been praying for them, it reminds them that they are not God." Prayer reminds all of us that we are not God.

As he challenged his followers to pray Jesus said, "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:14). To pray in the name of Jesus means more than to simply attach the name of Jesus at the end of a prayer.

Ron Donn has suggested that there are three ideas involved in praying in the name of Jesus. First, to pray in his name means to pray with the sanction of Jesus. If our praying is consistent with the character of Jesus, we can be assured it has his sanction. Second, to pray in the name of Jesus means that we pray in the strength of Jesus. We rely upon him to guide us, and certainly his word is a great guide in prayer. Third, to pray in the name of Jesus means that we pray for the sake of Jesus. The ultimate goal of our praying is that Jesus might be glorified. Praying in the name of Jesus is not a magic stick that we use to get anything we desire. It is a means whereby Christ is glorified in our lives.

The pastor believed in the power of prayer. An observer said, "Couldn't what you call miracles in prayer be nothing more than mere coincidence?" The pastor responded, "I have noticed that when I pray coincidences occur in my life, and when I don't pray the coincidences stop."

III. Proclaiming

Christ works through us as we proclaim him to the world. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20). We have a mandate from Jesus to share him with every person on the face of the earth. His abiding presence is the assurance that he will bless our efforts.

In 1956 five missionary men were killed by the Aucas Indians in the jungles of Ecuador. Rachel Saint, a sister to one of the slain missionaries, and

Betty Elliot, the widow of another of the martyrs, returned to the Auca village and led the very men who had killed their loved ones to Jesus Christ.

On Easter Sunday 1965, Kimo, one of the Indians who had slain the mis-

sionaries, offered the following prayer: "Our hearts are cleansed because his blood dripped down from the cross and warmed us. Jesus, you are our trail to heaven. You alone are our chief."

Life and Work Lesson

What Do Believers Receive?

By Joe N. McKeever, First, Columbus
Romans 5

Imagine Jesus being amazed at anything. You'd think He had seen it all and nothing could surprise Him.

But Mark says He was amazed at the unbelief of certain people (Mark 6:6). I can think of something else that probably raises His eyebrows in disbelief. And that is the way people think they're giving up something worthwhile to come to Jesus. Think about it for a moment.

Matthew gave up a lousy reputation when he decided to follow Jesus.

Bartimaeus gave up his beggar's rags and blindness when he came to Jesus.

Zacchaeus left behind a shoddy reputation and a ten-ton load of guilt when he surrendered.

Yet the idea lingers that one gives up something of great value when he or she surrenders to Christ.

It's interesting to note that Jesus saw salvation as quite a different proposition. From His viewpoint (and who should know better?), man profited by coming to Him. And so Jesus describes salvation as . . .

... abundant life in John 10:10; ... eternal life in John 3:16; ... a feast in Matthew 22:2; ... a very profitable investment in Matthew 19:29;

... treasure in heaven in Matthew 19:21;

... a great discovery in Matthew 13:44;

... a pearl of great price in Matthew 13:46;

And so on. The point seems obvious. To the Lord, we are on the receiving

end of a wonderful proposition when we come to Him.

Which is exactly how Paul feels in Romans 5. In the first five verses, he lists numerous gifts belonging to us because of salvation.

(1) Peace with God. We are no longer enemies, but friends.

The process that alienated us from God was sin-guilt-fear. Our sins loaded down our spirits with guilt, which in turn caused us to shrink back from God. When you're a lawbreaker, you go out of your way to avoid running into the police.

Yet God loved us and wanted us with Him. So the death of Christ and the resulting salvation by faith removed our crimes against God, and we are now one with the Father.

No more fear of God. A young lady asked me, "How can I put the fear of God into my children?" She was serious.

I answered, "Don't. You wouldn't want them to fear their father, but to love and honor him. Likewise, teach them to see their Heavenly Father in that way." No more fear.

Perfect love casteth out fear.

(2) Place of Grace. Paul says we are now standing in grace. I like to think of it as standing under a spout from heaven, labeled "grace." Some said to me recently, "It worries me that the wrath of God does not trouble me. It seems like it ought to."

I said, "Are you afraid of the police?" "No." "Why not?" "Because," he said, "I haven't broken the law."

"Exactly," I said. "If you're innocent before God (we call that 'jus-

tified'), you don't have to worry about His anger. Paul says, 'There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.' (Romans 8:1)"

God has good feelings to all who are in Christ and loves nothing so much as to bless us abundantly. And that's the point. Even in our tribulations, He works blessings.

(3) Purpose in Grievances. Under-score, please, that our Lord has not promised "flowery beds of ease," to use Isaac Watts' phrase.

Even in His tremendous promise of Mark 10:30, anyone who leaves father, mother, etc. for my sake shall receive a hundredfold now — He adds, "with persecutions."

Persecutions, hardships, and the like are not interruptions of God's plan. They are integral parts of it.

When a man decides to build his muscles, how does he do it? By putting pressure on them. And when God wants to mature us, strengthen and deepen us, He uses the same method.

Therefore, Paul points out, we take satisfaction in the tribulations coming at us — for we know what God is up to.

And what is God up to? He's teaching us to persevere for one thing. And secondly, developing our character. And cutting out worldly support systems from under us that our hope (confidence, trust) might be solely in Him.

And with that kind of hope (definition: the assurance of a future reality which is now unseen), you'll not need to worry about being ashamed or disappointed.

There's purpose in the Lord's "meanness."

(4) Presence of God. Did you know that Romans 5:5 is probably Corrie ten Boom's favorite verse?

Often as she talks with veterans of the German concentration camps, she finds people overcome by hatred of their former enemies.

So she shares with them how they may learn the impossible, to love those who previously tormented them.

The method, she explains, is to receive God's Holy Spirit through faith in Christ. And surprise of surprises, the Spirit pours out the love of God all over our hearts. Then we find the capacity to love the unlovely.

What a wonderful gift this is to all who believe.

A thousand songs today speak of love. And millions urge others to do it. Yet few seem to know the source of this valuable commodity. Here it is in Romans 5:5. A good verse to add to your inner system, Christian.

(A final word to you Sunday School teachers. I have dealt with only five verses of a wonderful chapter. My philosophy is to zero in on the heart of the lesson — and to teach people as opposed to teaching chapters. So where time and space are limited, this seems to be the best approach.)

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